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STABILISATION NOT FAVOURED.

MR. KOTEWALL DISSENTS ON TWO POINTS.

POWER OF THE BANKS.

The General Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Colony's currency problem has now been issued. This comprises Part I and is to be followed by two other parts. It is disclosed that the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall signed the report with two reservations, advocating the establishment of an Advisory Board to assist the Government in times of financial crisis, and also expressing the opinion that expert advice should be sought as to whether the Colony can safely adopt a gold basis, even if China does not take the same course.

Stabilisation Issue.

Dealing with the question of stabilisation the Committee says: "It is conceded on all hands that stabilisation in currency matters is an ideal which it is most desirable to attain, and if it could be realised here to the extent to which it has been effected elsewhere, all the problems connected with the Colony's currency would automatically disappear. The only justification for adhering to the existing silver currency is, as we have already fully explained, the fact that Hongkong is yoked to South China both geographically and commercially, and in the last resort the question becomes a choice of evils: whether the Colony should face the loss of trade, which is apprehended if it adopts a gold basis, or whether it should continue to be buffeted by the fluctuations attendant on the use of silver as a basis for its currency."

Serious Loss.

"We would here emphasize that stabilisation could not be effected at any arbitrary figure but would have to be determined by the value of silver at the time when the change is made, as present holdings of silver must be sold for what they will obtain in the new currency in order to finance that currency. We are not prepared to hazard an opinion as to the sterling price our silver dollar on finally being disposed of would fetch, were stabilisation to be agreed upon, but undoubtedly the price would be much lower than the exchange value of our currency at the time the decision to stabilise was taken. Any attempt therefore to fix arbitrarily the sterling value of the dollar at a higher rate must involve a serious loss, which neither a Government nor any private individual would be prepared to suffer. It is obvious that, during the period of transition towards stabilisation and for long afterwards, trade and commerce will suffer severe dislocation, but how far-reaching the effects may be, or how quickly the Colony would recover, can only be a matter for conjecture."

Dissenting Views.

The Committee hold that the present currency is the most advantageous for the purposes of the trade of the Colony so long as China uses a currency based on silver. On this point the Committee states: "Our view in this respect has the support of all the evidence taken by us except that of two witnesses. One of these, who is Professor of Economics at Hong Kong University, favoured a change to a gold basis even if China remained on a silver basis, being inclined to discount the disabilities to trade which a change to gold would involve; the other, who is Chief Manager of a shipbuilding firm in the Colony, considered the present currency unsatisfactory because of the effect the fluctuations in the price of silver had in making it difficult to estimate sterling costs in his business, or to keep a firm offer open for the length of time required, between tendering and acceptance, and also to finance ships after construction; he

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LABOUR AND COAL INDUSTRY.

MINING ROYALTIES TO BE NATIONALISED.

MORE LEGISLATION.

London, July 27. The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. William Graham, in a speech at a Durham miners' demonstration yesterday referred to the passing of the Coal Mines Bill. He said that already in the important districts the Government was getting into touch with the wholesale and retail trade and if the Government continued in office and got a majority their next legislation would be to complete the structure of public ownership and public control and to deal with the wholesale and distributing trades.

The next legislation would wipe out a great deal of the redundancy in the intermediary elements and place coal at the disposal of the people and industries on the very best terms consistent with justice and fair play to the mining community.

He added, "We are looking forward to the time when the British Government will be able to speak to kindred Governments in Germany and Poland and say unitedly no longer do we cut one another's throats in meeting the legitimate needs of the people. We propose to make our national co-operation international because great industries are no longer in opposition."

Concluding he said, the Government hoped time would be found in the next Parliamentary session for a Bill to nationalise mining royalties.—British Wireless.

THE STUBBS ROAD LANDSLIDE.

ROAD WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC TOMORROW.

Despite the many difficulties encountered at every turn, P.W.D. workmen have succeeded over the week-end in clearing Stubbs Road from the obstruction caused on Thursday by a landslide, and upon enquiry this morning, we were informed that the road would be open again from tomorrow (Tuesday) morning at 8 o'clock.

On Saturday so big were the difficulties experienced by the workers by the masses of granite strewn over the road, and the danger threatened by a 15-ton boulder overhanging the highway, that it was not expected that the obstruction could be removed for some three or four days, and no definite estimate could be given as to when the road might be opened again.

The endeavours of the workmen during the week-end have proved more successful than anticipated.

ASSASSIN WOUNDED BY CHAUFFEUR.

POLITICIAN MURDERED IN SOUTH AMERICA.

New York, July 27. A message from Rio de Janeiro states that Senhor Joao Pessoa (President of the state of Parahyba, and the Liberal candidate for the Vice-Presidency of Brazil last March) has been assassinated in a cafe in the city of Recife by his political enemy, Senhor Datas, who is the chief municipal officer of Texeira.

Senhor Pessoa's chauffeur drew a revolver and wounded the assassin who was subsequently arrested.—Reuters American Service.

GANDHI'S MESSAGE TO NEHRU.

DELEGATES' LENGTHY TALK IN PRISON.

Allahabad, July 27. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and Mr. Jayakar interviewed the Nehrus in Naiin goal for four and a half hours this afternoon. They will resume the conversation tomorrow.

The meeting is the result of a written message for Pandit Motilal and Jawaharlal Nehru which was handed by Gandhi to Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and Mr. Jayakar to be brought to Allahabad.—Reuters.

"REDS" CAUSING TROUBLE.

HANKOW & CHANGSHA THREATENED.

BIG COMMUNIST ARMY ON THE MOVE.

WIDESPREAD FEAR.

Shanghai, July 27. A simultaneous Communist threat to invade Hankow and Changsha, on the Yangtze River, following the withdrawal of the Nationalist garrison troops, has resulted in a state of tension existing along the Hupeh-Hunan frontier, where thousands of farmers and traders are in great jeopardy.

The Communist hordes gave the first sign of outburst during the week-end, when they looted and occupied the railway station along the Peking-Hankow Railway about sixty miles north of Hankow. Passenger and freight traffic from Hankow has been suspended and the management of the line has telegraphed to Nanking reporting the serious nature of the disturbances and asking for reinforcement.

Changsha's Peril.

The group of Communist bandits which was responsible for the looting of Yochow on the Yangtze River some two weeks ago, is again active, robbing farmers at places about 100 miles from Changsha. The Communist leaders, including Ho Lung, formerly of Swatow and South China, and Pang Tak-wai, profess to have a following of 8,000 men, well equipped with weapons.

Ho Lung was a notorious character in South China in 1927 and is well known as an expert in the art of robbing farmers.

Changsha is in a state of great excitement, realising the dangers of an immediate Communist attack.

Ho Chien Annoyed.

The Military Governor of Hunan Province, General Ho Chien, is disturbed by the presence of the Communist bands near Changsha and has instructed several regiments of Nationalist troops stationed in eastern Hunan to reinforce the handful of forces in Changsha. A representative of General Ho Chien arrived at Hankow yesterday to confer with General Ho Ying-ching, the Nationalist officer commanding the Hankow and Wuchang troops, regarding the methods to be taken to suppress the "Reds" near Hankow and Changsha.

Concerning the bandit suppression scheme, it is understood that under the leadership of Generals Ho Ying-ching and Ho Chien, the Nationalist officers in Hunan, Hupeh and Kiangsi Provinces may adopt joint action in launching a simultaneous expedition against the bandits and ruffians in the three Provinces. General Ho Chien may be appointed to direct the campaign.

General Ho Chien has issued an edict strictly prohibiting the Nationalist officers in the three provinces to enlist bandits as recruits in the Army. Bandits arrested during the raids will be immediately executed.

Nanchang Threatened.

General Lu Ti-ping, the Military Governor of Kiangsi Province, has reported to Hankow that serious bandit disturbances in many parts of Kiangsi necessitate the concentration of the small number of Nationalist troops at Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi, for emergency purposes. General Lu has proclaimed martial law to prevent a possible entry into the capital of Communist bandits.

The War's Progress.

A comparative lull is prevailing along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and in Shantung where the Shanai troops are content to strengthen their defence lines at Tainan and Tsinfu, the first Shanai defensive line being established at Tawen-kow.

Nanking planes which visited Tainan yesterday state that the Shanai troops are in low spirits (Continued on Page 12.)

FRANCE RETAINS DAVIS CUP.

AMERICA BEATEN BY FOUR GAMES TO ONE.

TILDEN DISAPPOINTS.

Paris, July 27. France retained the Davis Cup, beating the United States by four matches to one. Borotra beat Lott 6-7, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2, 8-6, and Cochet beat Tilden 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, 7-5 to-day. Previously Tilden had defeated Borotra 2-6, 7-5, 6-4, 7-5. Cochet had vanquished Lott 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 and Cochet and Brugnon had beaten Allison and Van Ryn 6-3, 7-5, 1-6, 6-2.

To-day's match between Cochet and Tilden was in the nature of an exhibition. Cochet, although evidently feeling the strain of the play of the two previous days, employed all the strokes of which he is a master with a grace and ease delightful to watch.

Cochet did not reach his best form until near the end of the second set when, with cut and thrust and perfectly timed volleys, he had Tilden at his mercy. Tilden's service and deep drives were in fine working order. He won the first set by hard hitting, but the remaining sets proved that this was no substitute for genius.

Lott was not expected to beat Borotra but he played wonderfully well, being much steeper and more self-controlled than when playing against Cochet. Borotra, however, played just his normal game. The Frenchman excelled in volleying and smashing. He made the American do much running about, but Lott retaliated by spinning the ball just over the net, bringing up Borotra, and then lobbing out of reach. Borotra led in the final set by 6-5, but a doubtful decision delayed the victory. Borotra finally breaking through with his service.—Reuters.

Allison and Van Ryn Lose.

Paris, July 26. The Davis Cup final was continued to-day when Cochet and Brugnon beat Allison and Van Ryn in the presence of President Doumergue and crowded stands. Cochet and Brugnon gave France the lead by two matches to one against the youthful Americans whose nervousness caused them to make repeated blunders against the faultlessness of Cochet's machine-like placements which were splendidly backed up by his stolid play and Brugnon's fine base line driving. The Frenchmen swept through the plucky opposition who mistakenly tried to out-manoeuvre Cochet instead of playing to the weaker Brugnon.

America is now faced with the almost impossible task of winning the remaining singles to regain the trophy.

Cochet and Brugnon beat Allison and Van Ryn by 6-3, 7-5, 1-6, 6-2.—Reuters.

THE R.100'S FINAL TEST FLIGHT.

NOW AWAITING ORDERS TO GO TO CANADA.

London, July 27. The airship R.100 returned to Cardington last night, after a twenty-four hours' cruise over England.

Major Scott expressed himself completely as being satisfied with the airship, which will now ride at her mooring mast until the Air Ministry's orders are received to start on the trip to Canada. She will leave as soon as moderately favourable conditions for such a flight prevail.

The weather during the final trial was varied and enabled the officers in control to give the vessel a thorough test. Its behaviour throughout was satisfactory, and to-day the airship underwent a complete inspection by the ground staff.—British Wireless.

RAIN LATER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the typhoon to the east of Luzon has been absorbed by a severe typhoon now about 50 miles N.E. of Formosa and threatening the coast near Foochow. The local forecast is: West winds, moderate; fine at first; rain later.

COOLIE MURDERS FOREIGNER.

STORY OF SHANGHAI TRAGEDY.

FULL CONFESSION MADE BY ASSAILANT.

ROBBERY MOTIVE.

Shanghai, July 20.

Victim of a cold-blooded attack with a meat-chopper wielded by his house coolie, Mr. Charles Samuel Goddard, Assistant Inspector of Examiners of the Chinese Maritime Customs, died in the General Hospital at 3.25 a.m. yesterday morning.

The attack took place shortly before 1 a.m. Mr. Goddard had returned home about midnight and immediately went to bed. The coolie, who slept in the adjoining kitchen, according to his own statements waited until he was asleep and then, arming himself with the chopper, which had been sharpened in preparation for the attack, crept into the bedroom. Mr. Goddard was sleeping on his right side.

Shout for Assistance.

The first blow fell on his left shoulder. Starting up in a half-dazed condition, he received a second blow which almost cut through his left arm above the elbow. Shouting for assistance, he tried to grapple with his assailant, who evaded him in the darkness. Overcome by the loss of blood which was spurting from the severed arteries, he staggered to the verandah in an effort to open the windows looking on to the street and summon aid.

The windows were so securely fastened that he defied his efforts. He then hammered on the panes and shouted that he was being murdered, after which he ran into the kitchen and thence on to another small verandah over an alleyway off North Szechuen Road.

Police on the Scene.

Aroused by Mr. Goddard's shouts, Mrs. Aaron Fein, who with her husband conducts a haberdashery almost opposite 889 North Szechuen Road, awakened her husband. Both saw Mr. Goddard, bleeding copiously, running from one verandah to the other and heard him shouting that he was bleeding to death.

Mr. Fein told his Indian watchman to blow his police whistle. This brought Prob. Sgt. Hyde and C.P.C. 651 to the scene. Finding the street door of No. 889 locked from the inside, they smashed it open and ran up the stairs. They found Mr. Goddard sitting on the plank in the kitchen which comprised the coolie's bed.

His first words were, "Please put a tourniquet on my shoulder, I am bleeding to death." Prob. Sgt. Hyde did his utmost to stop the flow of blood from Mr. Goddard's wounds, but it was evident from the deep pools of blood on the floor of the bedroom and on the two verandahs and staircase that he had lost a huge quantity.

Death in Hospital.

An ambulance was immediately summoned and Mr. Goddard was rushed to the General Hospital, where, after an examination by Dr. C. Bennett, the Medical Superintendent, and Dr. A. D. Wall, an operation for the removal of his left arm was decided on as being the only hope for his life. However, despite the utmost in medical skill and attention, he passed away at 3.25 a.m. without having made any further statement beyond a request to notify his friend, Mr. A. G. Borrass of the Maritime Customs.

Bloodstained Feet.

With the assistance of Mr. Fein and other police who had been summoned, a search of the house was conducted immediately after Mr. Goddard's removal to hospital. This resulted in the finding of a newly-washed meat-chopper on a table in the kitchen, which had evidently been cleaned of bloodstains in a bowl of water which was still in the sink.

For a time it looked as though the murderer had escaped, but when the search extended to the basement of the house the coolie was found hiding half-naked in a lavatory by C.P.C.'s 651 and 1828. He offered no resistance when arrested, but (Continued on Page 7.)

ENGLISH AIRMEN FINISH FIRST.

MR. BUTLER DISQUALIFIED IN AIR RACE.

GERMAN OVERTAKEN.

London, July 27.

Captain Broad, Mr. Alan Butler and Mr. Thorn, three of the English competitors in the round-Europe air race, were the first to arrive at Berlin at the completion of the flight. Mr. Butler, however, was automatically disqualified as a result of a mishap which befel him at Posen.

The accident occurred when Mr. Butler was landing at Posen and although he was uninjured the propeller was damaged. He was unable to leave for Warsaw until it was replaced, but the fitting of a new one automatically caused his disqualification.

Mr. Butler was the first to reach Posen control, but owing to the delay the German pilot, Poss, took the lead at Warsaw. Four British pilots were among the ten competitors who left Warsaw for Koenigsberg before noon to-day.

Captain Broad flew a Gipsy Moth machine, while Mr. Thorn piloted an Avro-Avian.—Reuters and British Wireless.

Posen, July 28. Flying in bad weather, Mr. Alan Butler was the first of the competitors in the round Europe air race to arrive here.

Captain Broad, Mr. S. A. Thorn and a German competitor, named Poss, followed.

Captain Broad's average speed for the flight so far is 109 miles an hour and he should gain the maximum points if he keeps on.—Reuters.

Warsaw, July 27.

An exciting finish for the Round Europe air race is expected in consequence of the smart dash made by the German competitor, Herr Poss, who arrived here ahead of the British airmen Captain Broad and Mr. S. A. Thorn. The remainder of the competitors are strung out between Barcelona and Posen.

The German competitor, Herr Offermann, in landing at Lyons, fouled a wireless aerial and he and a passenger were killed.—Reuters.

BEER TAKEN FROM A SHOP WINDOW.

SMASHED BY THREE MEN IN KOWLOON.

Maruhili, an Indian watchman at Empress Lodge Kowloon, has reported that at 1.15 this morning, while he was on duty outside the lodge he heard a crash of splintering glass in Nathan Road and went to investigate.

He saw three men, who appeared to him to be like American sailors running down Mody Road, each having what appeared to be like a bottle of beer under his arm. He gave chase but the men managed to elude him.

He returned to the scene of the crash and found the show window of the Empress Store broken and the bottles missing.

TYPHOON ON WAY TO FORMOSA.

SOME SLIGHT DAMAGE DONE IN JAPAN.

Osaka, July 28. A baby typhoon has done some damage in the Loochoo and Oshima Islands and also to the Kangshima and Oita Prefectures.

The typhoon is heading for Formosa at a velocity of twenty-eight metres per second.—Reuters.

FORMER SHANGHAI OFFICER.

EX-CHIEF INSPECTOR LYNCH DIES IN SYDNEY.

Shanghai, July 28. The death is reported from Sydney of a former officer in the Shanghai Municipal Police Force, ex-Chief Inspector Lynch.—Our Own Correspondent.

UNIQUE COMPANY LAW CASE.

RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK ASSETS.

APPEAL BEING HEARD BY FULL COURT.

HEAD OFFICE DOUBT.

The disposal of \$300,000, assets in the liquidation of the Russo-Asiatic Bank, formed the subject of an appeal against a judgment delivered by Sir Henry Gollan, former Chief Justice of Hongkong, in the Full Court of Appeal this morning, before Sir Joseph Kemp and Mr. Justice Wood. The failure of the bank followed some years after Directors of the Bank in Russia had fled from that country, following decrees of the Revolutionary Government nationalising banks, and continued to control branches outside Russia until 1926 when they went bankrupt.

London creditors, whose claims amount to about \$1,700,000, are claiming the money and Shanghai creditors are doing the same. In his judgment, Sir Henry Gollan found that in law the bank had not been dissolved because there was no winding-up in a Russian Court, and also decreed in effect that the money should go to the London creditors.

Mr. Eldon Potters, K.C., together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, appears on behalf of the appellants (Shanghai creditors). Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., is for the Official Liquidator (one of the respondents) and Mr. F. C. Jenkin is for the London creditors.

An Unusual Case.

Mr. Potter said his submission would be that after their Lordships had heard the facts and the law, they would order an adjournment in order that further enquiries might be made with regard to the position of Paris as the head office of the Company. The case was unusual for a number of reasons, one of which was that the three persons before the Court were liquidators, and also it was not a case where parties were demanding money for themselves as a right.

Mr. Jenkin said it was not correct to say that there were three liquidators before the Court as he was for the London creditors. The only people represented from England, he said, were English creditors.

After remarking that it was a justifiable mistake as they had treated it throughout as an application by the liquidator, Mr. Potter went on to say that he had not the slightest intention of laying a foundation for some ingenious argument.

Their Lordships, continued counsel, were considering a position which was absolutely unique in the history of Company Winding-Up Law and no doubt they would welcome any assistance from any of the three parties. The position of the appellants had been throughout that they were endeavouring to put what they conceived to be the true case and nothing more. If their Lordships granted an adjournment to make enquiries with regard to Paris as the head office they did not want a penny to be paid over.

Assumed Existence.

He had already agreed with the other to save costs as much as possible and he was accepting Sir Henry Gollan's finding that the Company was not, in law, dissolved. He was assuming that the Company was still in existence and had never been wound-up.

Continuing, Mr. Potter said the case arose out of the decrees of the Revolutionary Russian Government which were published at about the end of December, 1917, by which Russian banks, including the Russo-Asiatic Bank, were nationalised, the good-will of the banks was utterly destroyed in Russia, and shares of the banks were declared null and void. Mr. Potter quoted an authority which found that the decrees had not (Continued on Page 12.)

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TYPHOON FELT AT CANTON.

GALE FORCE WINDS DO SMALL DAMAGE.

Canton, July 25. Although the full force of the typhoon yesterday was not felt in Canton, there certainly was a stiffish blow here during the night. The typhoon signals were up at the Chinese Maritime Customs Signal Station all day yesterday and about fifteen minutes after the sun came out the small craft disappeared from the river, going into the various small creeks to take shelter; even the launches left their usual anchorage near Honam point and took refuge elsewhere. At about the same time the foreign gunboats in port furlled all their awnings and the two British gunboats, H. M. S. S. Tarantula and Cicada, left their usual anchorage just under the Shamen Bund and went out into the middle of the river, tying up to the China Merchants' buoys. A stiff wind with heavy rain lasted most of the afternoon, increasing considerably in the evening until the worst time was experienced between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. At that time the wind was blowing, if not with typhoon force, at least with full gale force; just about 1.30 a.m. it seemed to veer round from north-east to south-east.

Plunged Into Darkness. No damage of any great importance has been noticed; the worst that has happened so far is that at about 1.15 a.m. this morning a large number of electric wires and electric poles with transformers were blown down and the whole lighting system of Canton was thrown into darkness; up to the time of writing, the electric current has not yet been restored.

It is not thought that any lives have been lost, though a number of sampans and small river craft have been overturned, sunk or destroyed.

Little Damage.

On Shamen a few trees have been uprooted in the French Concession, the British Concession suffering no damage beyond a few branches being broken off trees. Only the Canton Rowing Club suffered the loss of their pontoon, which was carried away by the enormous waves on the river and almost completely destroyed.

About 3 a.m. the worst of the gale was over and gradually quietened down; the typhoon signals were removed from the Chinese Maritime Customs Signal Station about 9.30 a.m. this morning.

The s.s. Lung Shan from Hongkong arrived in port about 11 a.m., but was not carrying any passengers, freight or mail; it is therefore presumed she has come direct from Stonecutters.

The land wires of the Chinese Telegraph Administration were blown down and the service with Hongkong was interrupted. However, the Chinese Government Radio Administration managed to remain in communication with Hongkong, though messages today have been very long in transmission.—Our Own Correspondent.

FOREIGNERS NOT WANTED.

AMBITIOUS SCHEME FOR CHINESE SHIPPING.

Nanking, July 26. A detailed programme for the abolition of the shipping privileges so far always enjoyed by foreigners in inland waters has been formulated by the Ministry of Communications, and has been approved by the Central Political Council, while it is understood that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been instructed to open negotiations with the British and Japanese Governments for the cancellation of these privileges.

The Ministry of Communications has been ordered by the Council to prepare for the expansion of the Chinese shipping industry in order that the inland water routes may efficiently be served when foreign steamers have been withdrawn.—Reuter.

HONGKONG TRADE.

COTTON GOODS SHOW AN IMPROVEMENT.

The following reports have been supplied by importers to the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce:

Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods.—Since last reporting the market has shown more activity and considerable sales of Shadow Stripe Poplins have been made for shipment November onwards. Silver prices accepted have been on a very low basis, and, in some instances, indicate assistance from Exchange rates well above those ruling to-day. In addition to above, Dealers have given attention to White Mattings and Coloured Stripe Poplins, and some fair lines are mentioned. Prices reported in these instances have also been on a relatively low basis. Cotton values show little change. Latest quotations to hand are those of 24th inst. Mid. Am. "Spot" 7.58d. Eg. Sakel 12.45d.

More Activity.

There has been decidedly more activity since the last report and some important business has been settled in Shadow Stripe Poplins, Cotton Mattings and Spring Fancies for end of the year shipment. The price levels on certain lines seem to point to the utilisation of favourable exchange, but other lines have been settled at current rates. Manchester prices are a little easier and manufacturers are accepting business at a sacrifice in order to prevent closing down. Clearances of cotton cargo have been on a smaller scale and the local market for White Shirtings is dull.

Woolens.—Enquiries have been made for Scarlet Blankets but replacing costs are still too far above local prices to permit new business. The offtake of various lots of woolen, (for the most part considerably overdue) is a satisfactory feature and stocks on hand are gradually being reduced.

Metals.—Market weak. Prices down. Flour.—Stock: American 150,000 bags, Canadian 70,000 bags, Australian 10,000 bags. Market: Very weak.

FINANCIAL CRISIS IN JAPAN.

TRADE DEPRESSION IS CAUSE OF GLOOM.

Osaka, July 26. The financial situation in Japan is still gloomy because of the world-wide depression. However, it is believed that the worst is over.

The low level of prices is attracting new orders from home and abroad. The recent strength of the stock market reflects this feeling.

Farmers are reported to be in an unenviable plight owing to the low price of cocoons and other products, although rice is at a comparatively high price. Banks and financial houses have been affected by the diminished values of securities, but the redeeming feature is the strength of Government bonds.

So far as the big banks are concerned no fear is entertained as to their stability.

The rumour of a Cabinet crisis is generally discredited. However, it is feared that the Government might have to face a real difficulty in making both ends meet in next year's Budget.—Reuter.

BRITISH BANKING COMBINE.

REPRESENTS ASSETS OVER £70,000,000.

London, July 26. An important banking merger has been arranged, subject to shareholders' assent, whereunder the Royal Bank of Scotland will

RAINCOAT LEFT IN RICKSHA.

COOLIE FINED FOR FAILING TO REPORT.

"I think it is up to you to see that passengers don't leave anything behind. You should keep your eyes open. I think you should look into the ricksha to see if anything is left behind." Thus spoke Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, when fining a ricksha coolie for failing to report to the Police the discovery of a raincoat and a tin of cigarettes which had been lost by Mr. F. P. Franklin the previous day.

The defendant intimated that he had intended to return the coat to the ricksha farmer at the end of the day. He had no intentions of stealing it.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys pointed out to his Worship that there had been several other incidents of passengers leaving articles in rickshas without them being recovered. Fortunately, in the present case, Mr. Franklin had taken the number of the vehicle, as it had nearly knocked down a small boy.

Continuing, the officer said that when the number was given to the Police a detective traced the defendant and found the coat folded into a small bundle and placed under several of his canvas clothes beneath the seat.

His Worship remarked to the defendant that if he had intended to return the coat he would not have put it under his belongings as he had done.

After making the remarks quoted above, his Worship said that he took a serious view of such cases and pointed out to the defendant that he would have been entitled to a reward if he had reported the discovery to the Police.

A fine of \$25 with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour was imposed.

MEXICAN RAILWAYS RE-ORGANISE.

BOND ISSUE TO SETTLE EXTERNAL DEBTS.

Washington, July 26.

A new agreement for the settlement of the Mexican Government's direct external debt and to work out a settlement of the Mexican National Railways' debt was signed by Senator Decca, the Mexican Finance Minister, and Mr. Lamont, Chairman of the International Committee of Bankers.—Reuter's American Service.

Ambitious Programme.

Later. The Mexican debt agreement, details of which are now made public, provides for a total debt of \$102,600,000 to be re-funded into \$98,400,000 in five per cent. bonds.

There will also be a substantial reduction in interest, the arrears upon which, on direct debt, approximate \$40,000,000. The Mexican Railway, now insolvent, it is stated, will be reorganised.

The Mexican Government's direct debt will be cut down to \$53,400,000 and will be guaranteed by a lien on the Customs Revenues.

The railway debt will be reduced to \$45,000,000, for which railway properties are hypothecated.

The new bond issues will run for 45 years.—Reuter's American Service.

acquire the shares of the Williams Deacons Bank, by an issue of its own shares in exchange.

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Williams Deacons, which is a member of the London Clearing House, will preserve its identity. Its interests chiefly lie in the provinces.—Reuter.

HOME WEDDING.

MR. E. N. K. ESTCOURT AND MISS LOOKER.

The marriage took place on June 26, at St. Leonard's Church, Turners Hill, Sussex, of Mr. Edward Noel Keith Estcourt, R.A. Mess, Woolwich, son of Mr. E. A. Estcourt, I.C.S. (retired), and Mrs. Estcourt, of 162, Sandgate-road, Folkestone, and Miss Jessie Helen June Looker, daughter of Mr. H. W. Looker, of Fen Place, Turners Hill, and the late Mrs. Looker, of Hongkong.

Archdeacon McKew and the Rev. C. F. D. Trimming officiated at the service. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white marquisette gown, the neck embroidered with silver, and floating sleeves, with panels of silver embroidery and marquisette forming the skirt, the train edged with silver insertions. She carried a Goodyear bouquet of lilies of the valley and stephanotis. The guests at the ceremony included:

Miss Looker, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Newall, Mrs. H. M. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Estcourt, Mr. Basil Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Womersley, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Battcock, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Battcock.

Sir George and Lady Penny, Mr. Gershom Stewart and Lady Stewart, Sir Alfred and Lady Tritton, Viscountess Cowdray, Sir William and Lady Foot Mitchell, Sir James and Lady Lockhart, Sir Walter and Lady Scott, Sir Newton and Lady Stabb, Miss Stabb, Sir Francis and Lady Aglen, Lady Butler and Miss Butler.

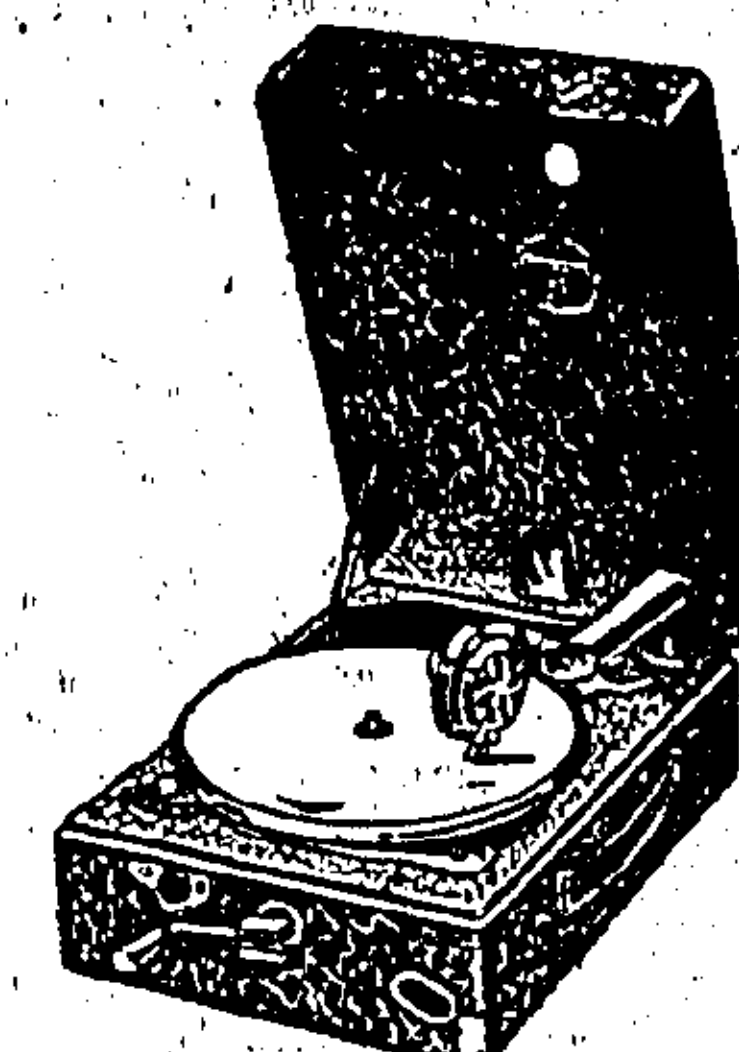
General and Mrs. Wigan, Mr. and Mrs. Locker Lampson, Miss Locker Lampson, and Miss Betty Stephen Mitchell, General and Mrs. Birdwood, Miss Birdwood, General and Mrs. Landale, Miss Landale, General and Mrs. Blunt, Miss Blunt, Colonel and Mrs. Pollen, Miss Pollen, Admiral and Mrs. Beamish, Commander and Mrs. Forbes, Admiral and Mrs. Bowring, General and Mrs. Musgrave.

Mr. Douglas Benson, Mrs. Baggallay, Mr. Geddes, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, the Hon. Christopher and Mrs. Lowther, Brigadier and Mrs. Goschen, Miss Goschen, Admiral and Mrs. Skipwith, General and the Hon. Mrs. Warner, Miss Warner, Miss Wagg, Miss Bervon, Captain and Mrs. Hartford, Mr. and Mrs. Prior, Mrs. Ackroyd, Miss Boyd Rochford, Mr. and Mrs. Pears.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Worthington-Evans, Mrs. Philip Legge, Miss Ann Gold, Miss Dorothy Furze, Miss Joyce Burgoyne, Miss Mary Collins, Miss Joan Bann, Miss Bridget Blundell, Miss Dunn, Mr. David Looker, Mr. Tritton, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Baggallay, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Lillie, Mr. Larden, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Syme.

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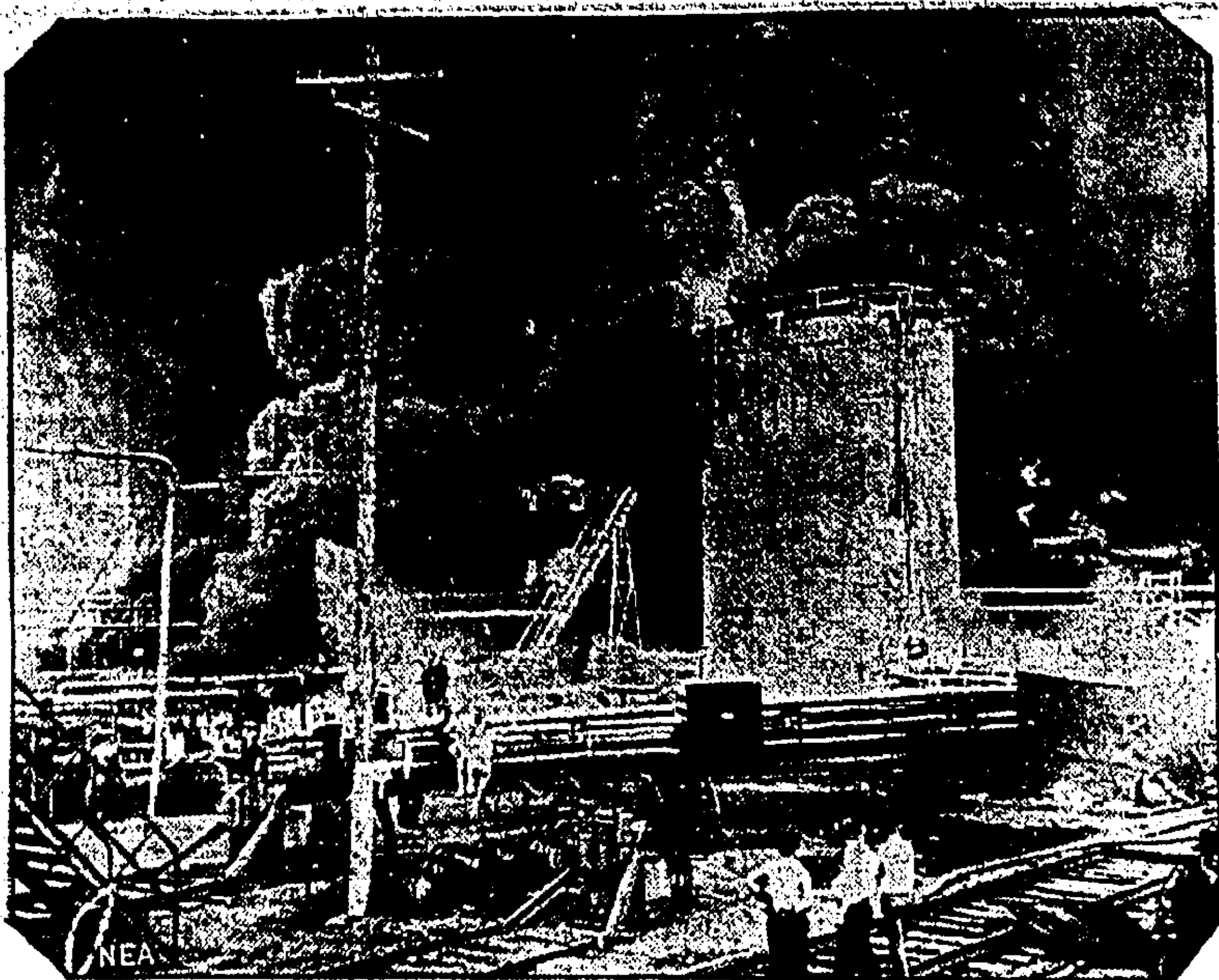
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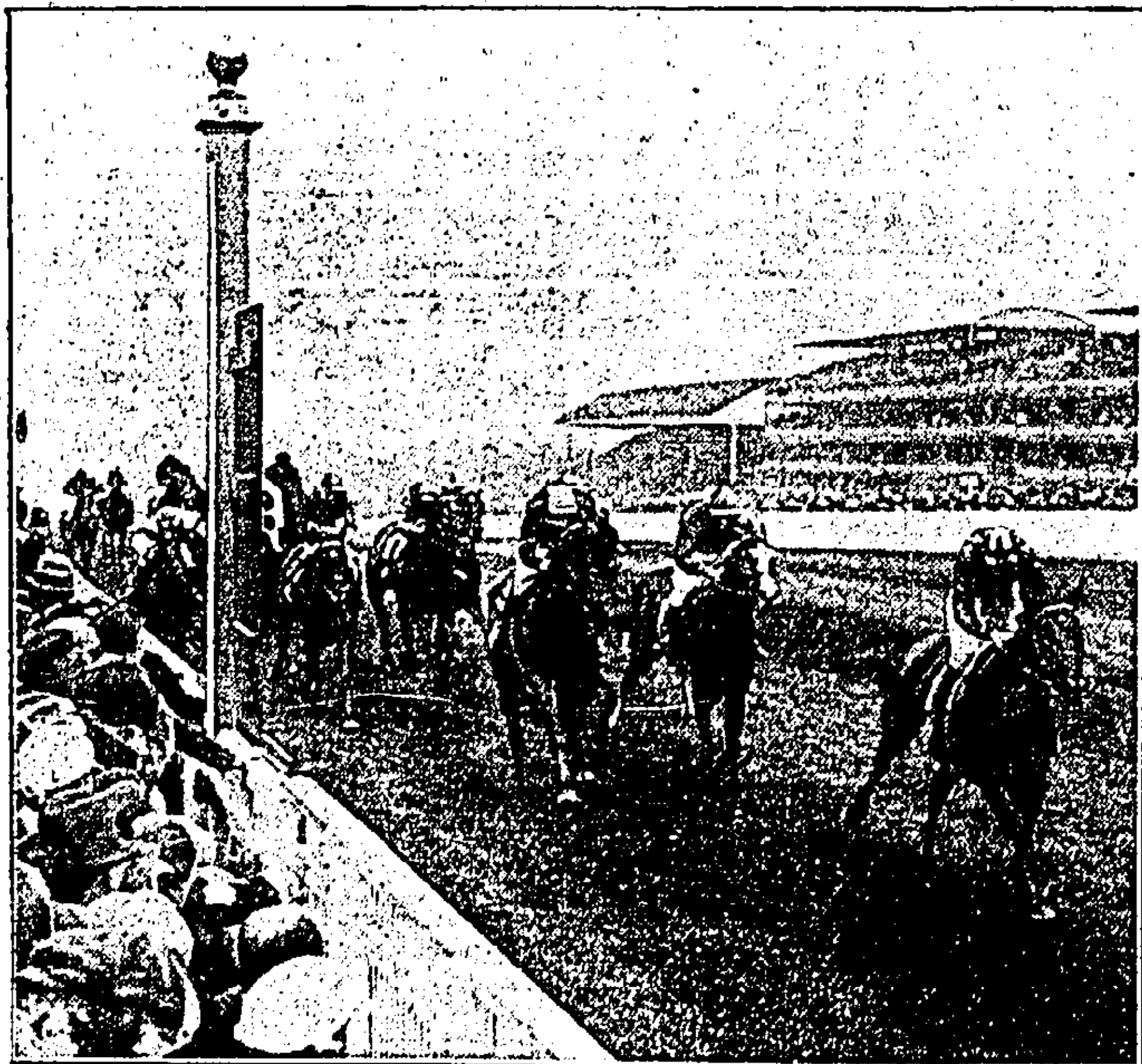
AND, AS YOU LOOK AT IT, THE GREEN, BLUE, BROWN AND RED KINDA PREDOMINATE, TOO!



How veritable whirlpools of fire swept uncontrolled for six hours through the Gulf Refining Company's huge plant at Bayonne, N. J., is shown in this striking view of the spectacular blaze. Backfire from the motor of a tanker touched off the conflagration.



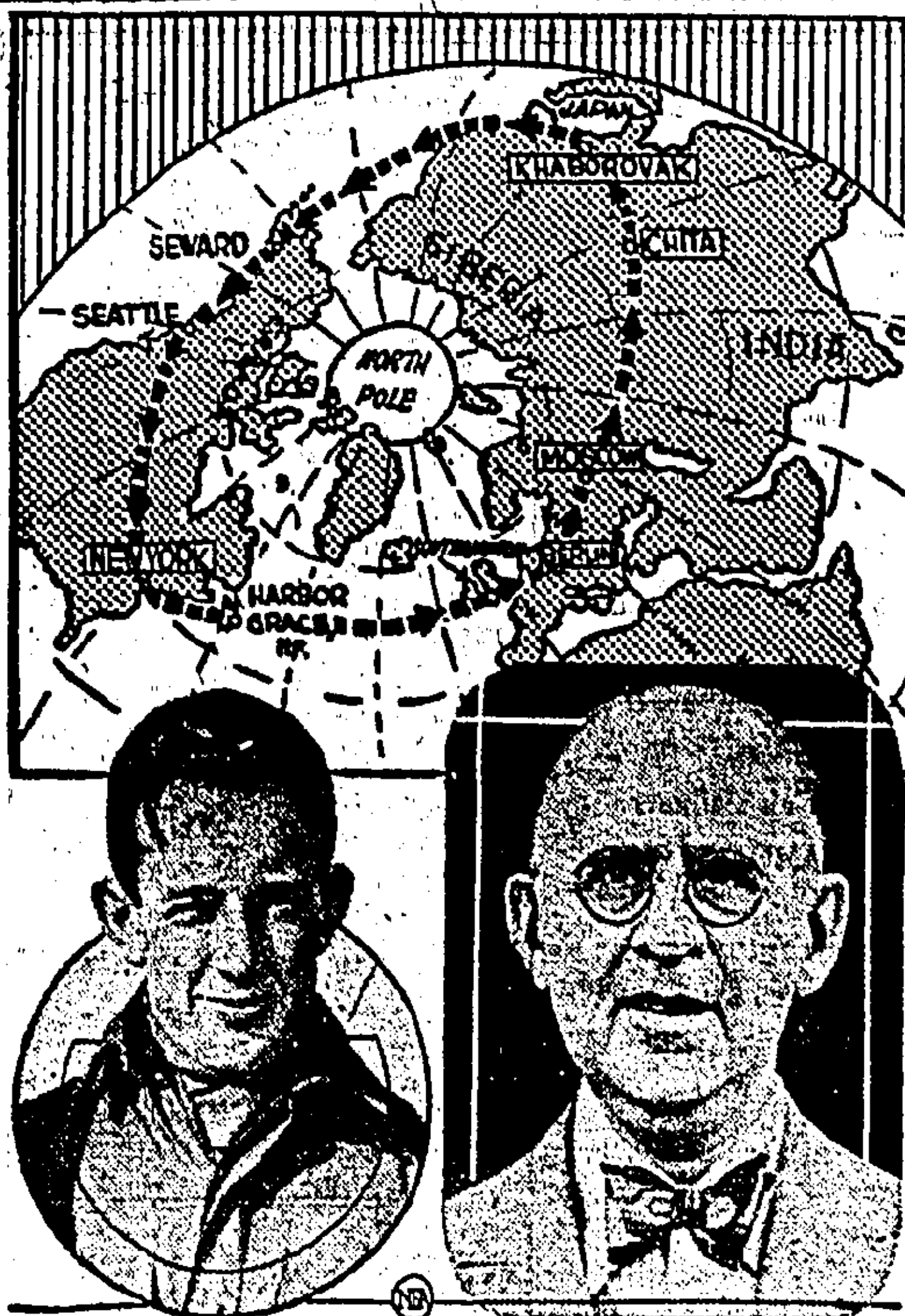
Here are comely members of the Prop and Wing Club, composed of aviatrices of New England states, pictured as they held their summer meeting at the Boston airport.



Our picture shows the finish of the Arcot Stakes, showing Mr. E. de St. Alary's Boy 11, winning from Lord Derby's Richborough. (Times copyright).



A house warming, which took the form of a fancy dress party, was held at the new residence of the Finnish Consul-General, Mr. K. G. Wahamaki, in Route de Boissesson Shanghai.



The map above shows the route John Mearns, right, has chosen for his flight around the world in an effort to beat the Graf Zeppelin's record of 21 days and 7 hours. At left is Fred Melchior, his pilot.



Senator Harry B. Hawes, above, of Missouri, received these English bloodhounds from a friend in England. Named Lord and Lady Ozark, the hounds will soon be sent to the senator's home in the Ozark mountains of Missouri.



This fantastic rock formation stands guard at the Lava Beds National Monument entrance in Modoc and Siskiyou counties.



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The 43rd Annual General Meeting of Members will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission) on **FRIDAY, 8th August, 1930, at 5.30 p.m.**
W. FRYDE,
 Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE COMPANY LIMITED.

The Transfer Books of this Company will be closed from Saturday, 9th August, 1930, to Saturday, 16th August, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

D. L. KING,
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Hongkong, 17th July, 1930.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be **CLOSED** from **THURSDAY, the 31st July to THURSDAY, the 7th August** (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

L. S. GREENHILL,
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Hongkong, 17th July, 1930.

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As the day was very hot and the children had risen early and fasted to attend Communion, over 2,000, mostly girls, suffered from sunstroke or swooned. The staff of 80 nurses and assistants in attendance proved quite inadequate to treat 2,000 children and the ether supply was soon exhausted in reviving them.

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 East Asia \$121 n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$945 n.
 Union Ins., \$435 b.
 North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
 Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
 China Underwriters, \$2.65 b.
 China Fire, \$400 b.
 H. K. Fire Ins., \$955 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$25 b.
 H. K. Steamboats, \$25 b.
 Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$43 n.
 Union Waterboats \$32 n.

Mining.

Benguets, \$81 n.
 Kailans, \$1/3 n.
 Langkats, Tls. 81 n.
 S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 b.
 Rauba, \$241 b.
 Troncha, 21/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$168 b.
 Whampoa Docks, \$39 b.
 China Providents \$5.35 b.
 Hongkows, Tls. 260 b.
 New Engineering, Tls. 73 n.
 Shanghai Docks, Tls. 124 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 11.30 s.
 S'hai Cottons, Tls. 78 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$11.25 b.
 H. K. Lands, \$841 s.
 S'hai Lands Tls. 286 n.
 Humphreys, \$16.50 s.
 Realities, \$9. b.
 Chinese Estates \$93 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$20.20 s.
 Peak Trams (old) \$121 s.
 Star Ferries, \$86 b.
 China Lights, (Old) \$261 s.
 H. K. Electric, \$78 b.
 Maaco Electric, \$23 n.
 Telephones, \$321 n.
 China Buses, Tls. 181 b.
 Singapore Traction, 10/- s.

Industrials.

China Sugar, \$1. s.
 Malabons, \$27 n.
 Cold: Maoc. Ord. Tls. 10.75 n.
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Des.
Shanghai and Swatow	Linan	July 28.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 4th July)	Pres. McKinley	July 28.
Japan and Shanghai	Yokohama Maru	July 28.
Saigon	Angora	July 28.
Japan, Shanghai and (Europe via Siberia London, 10th July)	Tjipanas	July 28.
Amoy and Swatow	Athos II	July 29.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers, London 3rd July and parcels, 26th June)	Van Heutsz	July 30.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 12th July)	Nellere	July 30.
Java via Sourabaya	Kashmir	July 31.
Japan	Pres. Jefferson	August 1.
Australia and Manila	G. Diederichsen	August 2.
	Melbourne Maru	August 5.
	Tanda	August 11.

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For	Date and Time.
Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco	Pres. Taft Mon, July 28, 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due San Francisco 20th August.)
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Taft Mon, July 28, 5 p.m. Registration 6 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea Mon, July 28, 8.00 p.m.
Amoy	Kanchow Mon, July 28, 8.30 p.m.
Samsui and Wuchow	Taining Mon, July 28, 4 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Yuenang Tues, July 29, 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjimanoeek Tues, July 29, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Atsuta Maru Tues, July 29, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tonkin Tues, July 29, 12.30 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Athos II Tues, July 29, 1 p.m. Registration 1 p.m. Letter 1 p.m. G. P. O. 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 30th August.)
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Angers Tues, July 29, 2.00 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning Tues, July 29, 2.00 p.m.
Formosa	Kohso Maru Tues, July 27, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. McKinley Tues, July 29, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Fooshing Wed, July 30, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuan Wed, July 30, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., *Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia	Chichibu Maru Thurs, July 31, 5 p.m. Registration July 30, 5 p.m. Letters July 31, 8.30 a.m. (Due San Francisco Aug. 21.)
Straits	Van Heutsz Thurs, July 31, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru Thurs, July 31, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Mausang Thurs, July 31, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Mau Sang Fri, Aug. 1, 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia, (except places South of Townsville) and *New Zealand via Thursday Island	Haiching Fri, Aug. 1, 1.00 p.m.
Nellere	 Fri, Aug. 1, 1.00 p.m.
Parcels	 Noon.
Registration	 1.45 p.m.
Letters	 2.30 p.m. (Due Thursday Island 16th Aug.)
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kalyan Sat, Aug. 2, 1 p.m. K.P.O. 1.40 p.m. Parcels Aug. 1, 4.30 p.m. Registration Aug. 2, 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. G.P.O. 10.30



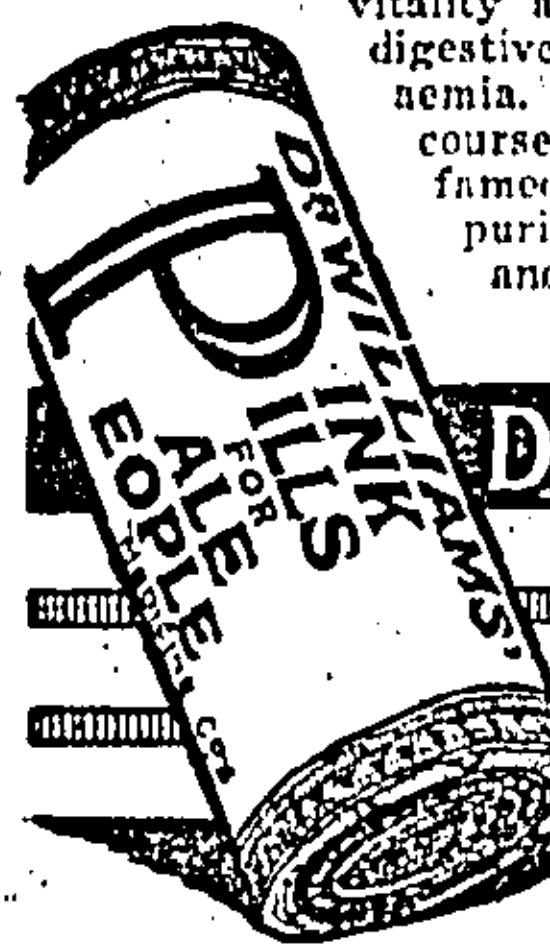
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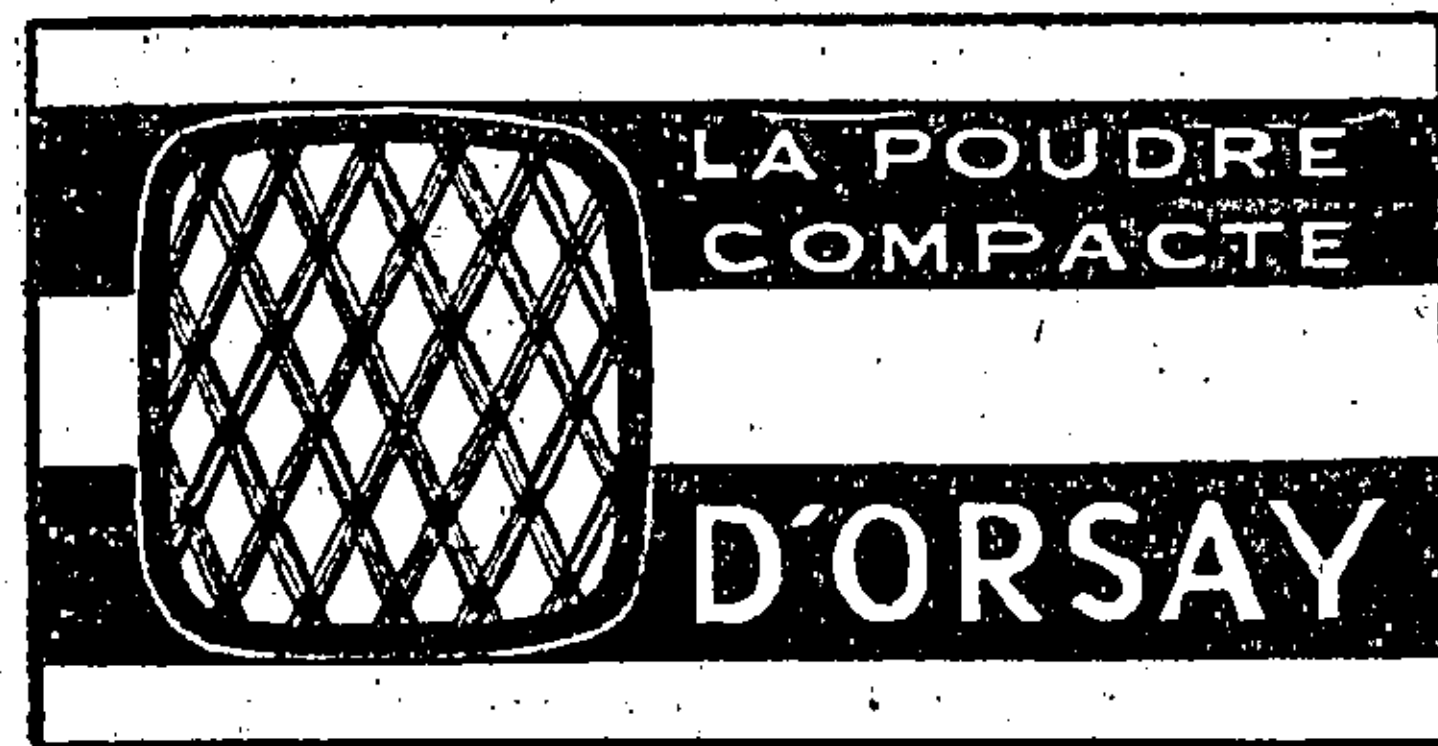
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Beauty Masks.

[By a Beauty Expert.]

"A complexion that is sallow, muddy, and lacks tone invariably means that the skin has grown lazy and indifferent," said a beauty specialist recently. "A healthy skin glows, and shows its vitality, and the colour comes through easily and naturally. A suitable face mask will often work magic if applied twice a week for a month or so."

The rosewater mask is delightfully refreshing and invigorating and especially suitable when the skin lacks tone. This can quite easily be applied at home. To prepare it, merely add two table-spoonfuls of rosewater and a table-spoonful of pure glycerine to half a taceful of hot rain water. First, cleanse the skin thoroughly, using a good soap, and giving the skin plenty of friction with the fingers. Then partly dry the skin, and dip a mask of double lint in the lotion and apply it to the face. When that is cool, repeat the process until all the lotion has been used up, then dab the skin with a

pad of cotton wool soaked in undiluted rosewater.

Allow this to dry on the skin and then apply cold cream generously, allowing the cream to remain on a few minutes. Then wipe off the superfluous grease and apply vanishing cream and powder in the usual way.

The Egg Mask.

An egg mask is kind to the woman whose skin lines easily.

To prepare it, add to the stiffly beaten white of an egg, five or six drops of tincture of benzoine. Spread this mixture on the face while the skin is still moist from washing, and allow it to remain on for twenty minutes. Then gently sponge it off with warm rain water. Next apply cold cream generously, working upwards and outwards with a series of rotary movements. After a few moments, wipe off the superfluous grease, and finish off in the usual way.

The sulphur mask is very efficient when skin eruptions are present. To make it, dissolve one heaped table-spoonful of flowers of sulphur in three table-spoonfuls of hot milk. Prepare the skin in the same way as before, then dip the lint mask in

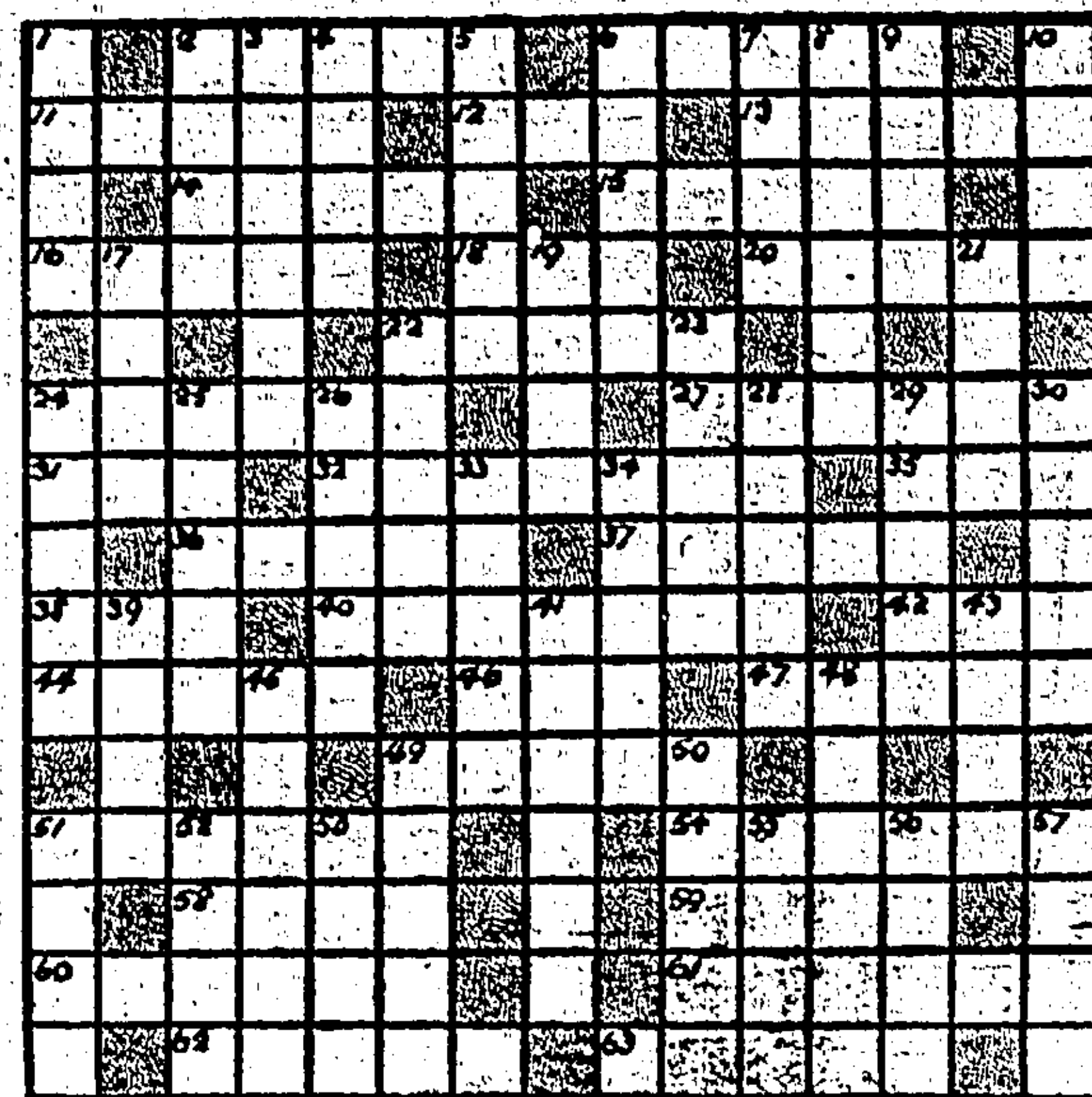
the solution and apply it to the face. Afterwards wash the skin gently in warm rain water, and partly dry with a soft cloth. Finally, rub in sulphur cream. Allow the skin to absorb as much of the cream as it will, then wipe off the superfluous grease, and apply vanishing cream and powder in the usual way.

The Clay Mask.

The clay mask is undoubtedly the best choice if there is pronounced tiredness and drooping of the contours. The plastic clay with its astringent medicinal balsams, is just what the skin needs.

The mixture may be bought in tubes ready for application, and the process is not at all difficult to carry out in one's own bedroom. It is, however, very important to rest while the clay is hardening so that the facial muscles are inactive. When it is washed off no soap should be used, just merely a soft sponge and warm rain water. The hardening process takes about thirty minutes, and the feeling that one's face and neck are being held in a vice is quite in order and merely proves that the mask is doing its work efficiently. The mask "iron" out lines astonishingly and induces the appearance of a pretty fresh color because of the stimulation of the skin glands.

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13 Tree.
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15 Musical drama.
16 Pertaining to the nose.
18 Drink as a dog.
20 Sun (Poet).
22 Turns.
24 Struggle.
27 Went by.
31 Mischievous being.
32 Exaltation.
35 Starting place.
36 Plants of the lily order.
37 Clamour.
38 Rodent mammal.
40 Sharpshooters.
42 Head of corn.
44 View.
46 Immerse.
47 Void.
49 Cloths made of wool etc.
51 Save.
54 Pillar.
58 Lively.
59 Limit.
60 Golden fruit.
61 Object.
62 Desiring.
63 Hire.

Down
1 Slue.
2 Sign of affection.
3 Wanderers.
4 West Indian plant.
5 Passing bell.
6 Seek with the hands.
7 Indite.
8 Sequence.
9 Kind of fuel.

10 Avoid.
17 Class of double sulphates.
19 Relative.
21 On the sheltered side.
22 Number.
23 Track.
24 Rows.
25 Sudden heavy flood.
26 Not tight.
28 Aniseed plant.
29 Precipitous.
30 Discredit.
33 Stage whisper.
34 Unsuitable.
39 Pain.
41 Rob.
43 Molecule.
45 Pertaining to nicotia.
48 Annoy.
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53 Goad.
55 Frank.
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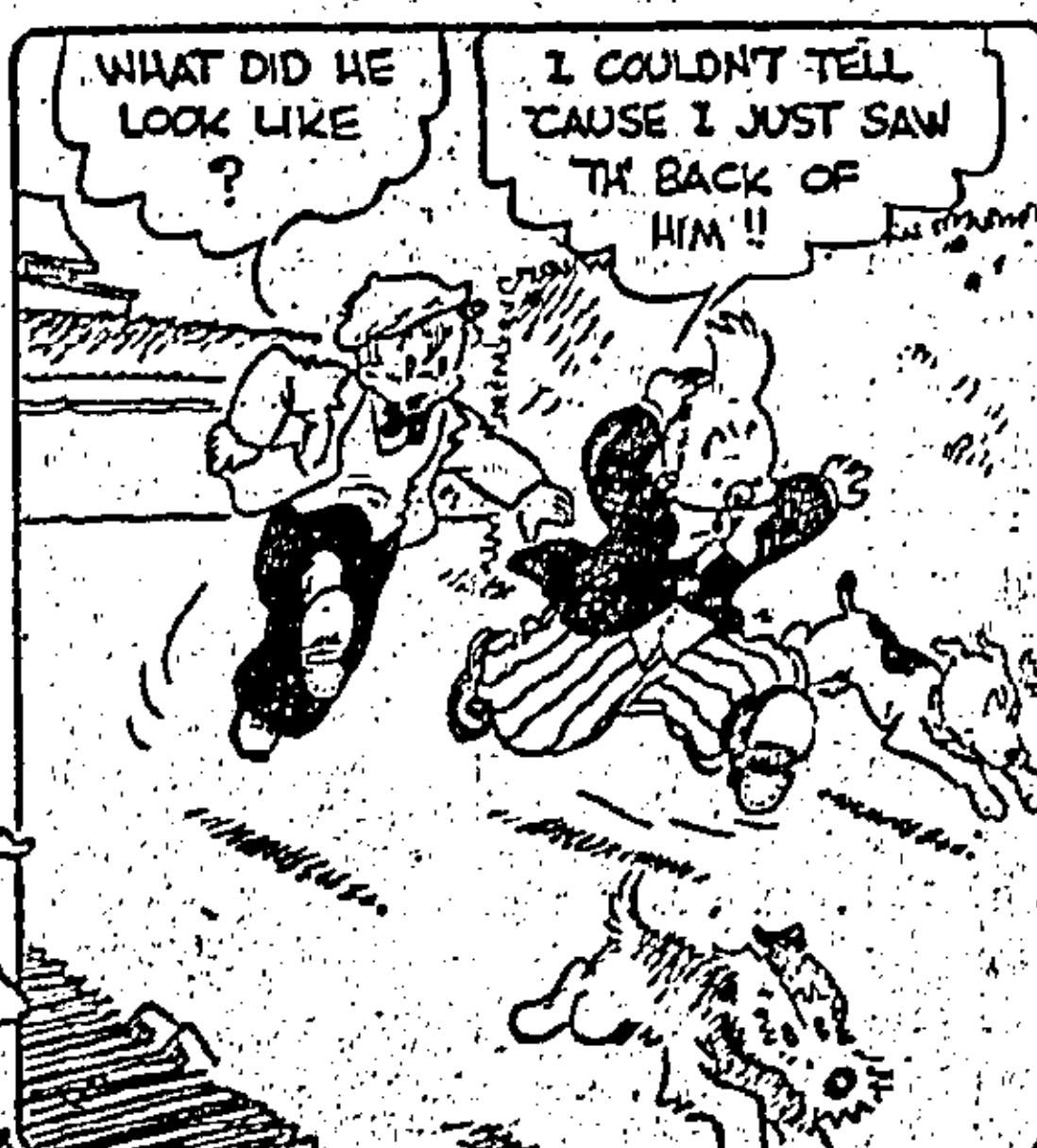
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STREET NOISES.

One of the troubles with this Colony is that whilst it has any number of extremely useful Ordinances and Regulations, designed for the preservation of the amenities of life, so few of them are actually enforced. Under this category may be placed many of the provisions of one of our earliest laws, the Summary Offences Ordinance, which was passed as far back as 1845, and which contains many clauses dealing with such matters as night noises, hawkers' cries, etc. Probably the public is unaware of the fact that under this Ordinance it is an offence for anyone to disturb the tranquillity of his neighbours by making, between the hours of sunset and sunrise, any noise whatsoever which is calculated to cause annoyance. Few people, however, would be so churlish as to prosecute a neighbour for infringing this provision in the early hours of the evening, but it is as well to bear in mind that there is protection for those whose peace is disturbed late at night.

What we have in mind at the moment, however, is not so much the noises caused by night as those which occur during the daytime, more particularly the crying of wares by hawkers in prohibited areas. A few weeks ago, the Gazette contained amended regulations setting forth the districts in Kowloon in which hawkers are prohibited from calling their wares and in which certain other noises are banned. The idea is an altogether excellent one, but we do not imagine for one moment that the stipulating of the boundaries will have the slightest effect on the nuisance caused. At any rate, we do know for a certainty that the districts included in previous notifications have never been immune from the evil, despite constant reminders to the Government by the Kowloon Residents Association. On the Hongkong side, also, the areas in which hawkers are prohibited from crying are very clearly defined. But is any serious attempt made to see that the law is respected? None whatever. We will take Wyndham Street as an example, because we can speak from personal experience of the conditions prevailing. Despite the fact that it is within the prohibited area, hawkers can be heard there at all hours of the day shouting their wares and carrying on their bargaining with

people on the verandahs of occupied flats. Both licensed and unlicensed vendors flaunt the law. The former ought to know from their licence conditions that they are not allowed to cry their wares in this street; the latter should be prosecuted on the dual count of having no licence and of making noises in a prohibited area. Yet it appears to be nobody's business to see that the law is respected. These hawkers seem to be a law unto themselves, and even passing policemen take no heed of this flagrant infringement of a law designed for the preservation of relative quietude in what is both a residential and business locality.

We make mention of these matters not only in order that the intentions of those who have drawn up these very necessary laws shall be put into effect, but also because the condonation of breaches of regulations is liable to result in little respect being paid to laws generally. If Ordinances are passed and Regulations promulgated, they should be rigidly enforced. Particularly in areas within the business quarter should these hawkers' cries be suppressed, and it should be someone's business to see that they are. As a supplementary measure, it would be a good idea if warning notices in Chinese were exhibited in streets which come within the prohibited areas. Then there would be no excuse whatever for the present flaunting of the law.

India at the Assembly.

That the leader of the Indian delegation to the Assembly of the League of Nations, which meets on September 10 at Geneva would be an Indian was, of course, a foregone conclusion. Indeed, it seems strange that the Government of India should have hesitated so long in satisfying the unanimous demand of India that its delegation to the League should be led by one of their own countrymen, and only took this step for the first time last year. In future it is certain, whatever constitutional changes are in store, an Indian leader will invariably be chosen. It will be generally agreed that no better choice could have been made for this than the Maharajah of Bikaner, who is also to be one of the Indian representatives at the Imperial Conference which is to be held in London soon after the League's Assembly. In the report which the Indian delegation of last year published of its doings, special stress was laid upon the importance of continuity in its composition. The same point was emphasised by the Maharajah of Kapurthala at the meeting of the Chamber of Princes in Delhi last February, and at the same time a resolution was carried unanimously that at least once in three years an Indian Prince should lead the delegation. The appointment of the Maharajah of Bikaner satisfies both conditions, for he has been closely interested in the League's work ever since its inception. Indeed, he was one of those concerned in the negotiations for the inclusion of India as an original signatory of the Covenant of the Nations. He was also a member of the delegation to the discussion on the reduction of armaments, in the course of which he was able with his first-hand knowledge of the subject to place very clearly before his fellow delegates the exceptional difficulty and complexity of the frontier problem in India. At a time when the future of India depends so largely upon the solution of the problems concerned with frontier defence and the relations between British India and the Native States, it is peculiarly appropriate that an expert on both subjects should be called upon to represent India at the greatest of international gatherings—the Assembly of the League of Nations.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended July 19, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases, the figures in parentheses indicating deaths: Plague, Alexandria 2 (9), Baghdad 9 (1), Colombo 2 (9), Penang 1 (1), Calcutta 40 (23), Bangkok 4 (1), Penang 7 (5), Saigon 1 (1), Small-pox, Baghdad 1, Bombay 1 (9), Calcutta 13 (19), Cebu 4, Madras 17 (3), Moumein 2 (0), Negapatnam 1, Rangoon 1, Penang 1 (1), Batavia 3 (1), Penang 1 (0).

DAY BY DAY.

LET US REFORM OUR SCHOOLS, AND WE SHALL FIND LITTLE REFORM NEEDED IN OUR PRISONS.—Rustin.

We understand that Tylam Tuk reservoir is still five feet below overflow.

One Chinese case of typhoid figures in the health return for the past two days.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashmir, from Singapore, is due here at 2 p.m. on Thursday.

The P. and O. s.s. Ranpara from Hongkong arrived at London on the 25th July at 5 a.m.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Hilo, on account of cholera.

The Legislative Council is to meet on Thursday afternoon, and will be followed by a meeting of the Finance Committee.

A Chinese attempted to commit suicide by jumping from the Yau-mat ferry launch Man Chi yesterday afternoon. He was rescued and sent to the Kowloon Hospital.

A Chinese painter, Tam Kan, (20), while painting a sign board outside 139, Queen's Road East yesterday afternoon, fell down and received serious injuries to his head. He was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital, but died soon after.

Mr. Tom Clarke, a former Hongkong journalist, now managing editor of the *News Chronicle*, London, was among those presented to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of the Prince's visit on June 28 to Oak Hill, the beautiful mansion which is available as a home of rest for journalists.

Arriving here from Tsingtau and Swatow, Capt. J. W. Pettigrew reported to the Harbour Office that during the voyage between the latter port and Hongkong, at 5.30 a.m. yesterday an Indian deck passenger died and was buried at sea. There were altogether 59 Asiatic deck passengers on board, including eight Indians.

The first case to be brought under the recently-passed Ordinance dealing with the registration of *mut-tai* was mentioned before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning when a widow of 49, Aplin Street, Sham-shui, was charged with having in her possession or under her control an unregistered *mut-tai*. The case was held over until 3 p.m. this afternoon.

Little Patsy Fowler, infant daughter of Mr. R. Fowler, of the Prisons Department, was laid to rest in the Happy Valley cemetery on Saturday afternoon. A number of little playmates attended bearing white posies and, with the bereaved parents there were present representatives of the Prisons Staff and many other friends. A profusion of wreaths was piled on the little grave. They included tributes of condolence from the European Officers' Mess of the Victoria gaol, European Staff of Leichikok Prison and from many relatives and friends.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Paris	123.69
Brussels	34.795
Amsterdam	12.034
Berlin	20.375
Copenhagen	18.16
Vienna	34.425
Helsingfors	193.4
Lisbon	108.25
Bucharest	818
Buenos Aires	40.4
Shanghai	1/6 1/2
Yokohama	2/0 5/16
New York	49.92
Geneva	25.04
Milan	92.89
Stockholm	18.095
Oslo	18.165
Prague	164.4
Madrid	42.60
Athens	375
Rio	5.5/18
Bombay	1/5 25/32
Hongkong	1/3 1/4
Silver (spot)	16.7/16
Silver (forward)	16.5/16

—British Wireless.

KOWLOON CLOTHING THEFT.

THIEF CAUGHT AFTER A CHASE.

A Chinese appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning on a charge of larceny of a basket of clothing which had been taken from the servants' quarters of 16, Chatham Road.

The defendant was stated to have been seen taking a basket from a room through a window, the wire netting on which had been cut and removed, although the defendant had not been seen to damage the wire. He was chased by an Indian constable and arrested.

His Worship passed sentence of one month's hard labour.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Police Reserve orders by the Hon. Mr. E.D.C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector General of Police, state:—

General.

Revolver practice.—The regular weekly revolver practice (voluntary) will take place at the Bowen Road revolver range on Wednesday, July 30th, from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. It will be open to all ranks of the H.K.F., Special Constables, Chinese Company, Hongkong Police Reserve and to all persons holding permits to carry arms.

Police Training School.

The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held on Tuesday, July 29th at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese Company and of the Flying Squad who have not yet passed Part 2 of Training Course should attend.

Chinese Company.

Revolver Practice.—Members of the Chinese Company, who have passed Parts 1 & 2 of Training Course, will attend at the Bowen Road Revolver Range on Wednesday evening, July 30th, at 6.00 p.m. sharp for revolver practice under Musketry Instructor E. Carpenter.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, July 29th. Fall in at the Tsim-tai-tai Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress:—Khaki Uniform and Cap with Khaki Cover.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Rifle Practice.—Rifle Practice will be carried out on the Tai Hang Range on Wednesday, July 30th, at 5.30 p.m. Members will bring their rifles. Uniform optional. Ammunition available on the range.

Rifles.—Rifles returned for inspection can now be obtained from the Police Armourer.

SEQUEL TO A "RED" MEETING.

DISTRICT WATCHMAN HIT IN THE CHEST.

There was a "Red" demonstration on the new reclamation at Wanchai on the 23rd instant, as a sequel to which a man was charged before Mr. Lindsell this morning with assaulting a district watchman.

It was stated that the Police had a busy time breaking up a crowd who were preparing to stage a demonstration with red banners and leaflets. While going to the assistance of a colleague who was taking a suspect to the local station and who found himself hampered by an aggressive crowd surging around, the district watchman was struck in the chest, by one of these rioters. This occurred after cries of "ta, ta," were raised. The man who was alleged to have struck the watchman was the defendant.

Detective-Sergeant O'Donovan, prosecuting, said that six arrests of "Red" suspects were made in the locality that night, all of whom were found in possession of red flags and other material inherent to a local "Red" demonstration. Defendant was fined \$25, or two weeks.

THEFT OF MOTOR PUMP.

YOUTH GETS A PRISON SENTENCE.

Arrested in the street at 7.30 a.m. on Saturday in possession of a motor car pump, a young Chinese appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning on a charge of stealing the pump from a stall in Canton Road.

The defendant pleaded that he was forced by poverty to steal. Detective Sergeant Fitches indicated that he arrested the defendant on Saturday morning, and when questioned, he stated that he had been given the pump to be taken to a motorist, but subsequent enquiries revealed that it had been stolen from a stall in Canton Road.

The officer mentioned that, when searched, the blade of a pocket knife, together with several ladies' handkerchiefs, were found on the defendant.

Sentence of three weeks' hard labour was imposed.

Reuter's correspondent at Toronto tells of a diamond necklace, worth £400, stolen by a domestic servant from her mistress. It has been recovered by the police after changing hands several times, without its value being realised. The last purchaser told the police he had bought it for 50 cents (2s.) not believing it was genuine, and had presented it to his wife.

The Very Idea!

A golfer who always plays in his oldest clothes was proceeding towards the course one morning with his clubs slung over his shoulder. Great was his astonishment when he observed a woman leaning over her garden gate, eyeing him angrily.

"You are very late," she said, irately.

"Late?" echoed the astonished golfer.

"Yes, late. You promised to sweep my chimneys at eight o'clock, and it's past ten now."

As an unexpected treat, the class was dismissed half an hour earlier than usual, and the little boy made his way home with all speed, but his ring received no response.

Continued ringing made no impression, and finally he opened the letter box and yelled, in a voice that the rest of the street must have heard: "Mother, it's me! Not the landlord!"

In India, the signboard put up by native shopkeepers to attract British customers are often curiously worded.

Over one shop appeared the following:—Customers; sending orders will be promptly executed.

A remarkable long journey of a cat is reported from Coventry. The owners, on leaving Coventry to live at Bridgewater (Somerset), put the cat in a hamper, and took it with them by motor car.

Soon after their arrival the cat was missed. Eight weeks later it was found trying to gain admission to its old home at Coventry, after covering nearly 180 miles. The animal was in fairly good condition, but travel-stained.

Sandy wished to catch the morning train to London, and being a heavy sleeper, was in doubt if he would wake up early enough. He thought of several methods to ensure success, but each seemed to indicate the necessity of a tip. In the end he posted himself a letter with no stamp on it.

Next morning, early, there came a thunderous rattle on the door. Sandy opened the window, and the postman cried, "Here's a letter without a stamp. There's thruppence take pay!"

"Tak' it back," commented Sandy, "carelessness like that disna deserve tae be encouraged."

WATER LEVELS.

ON WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in English feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River, on the dates named:

	July 26	July 27
Shiuhing	7.9	—
Tsingyuen	7.4	—
Samsui	4.1	6.6
Shelkung	17.3	10.8

*For July 24th.

The highest levels on record are:—Shiuhing, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samsui, 27.3 feet; Shelkung 15.5 feet.

The lowest level on record at Samsui is minus 5 feet and at Shelkung minus 2.7 feet.

WHO WAS?

"The Ruler of the Queen's Navee."

(Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B.)

William Gilbert created Sir Joseph Porter for the Gilbert and Sullivan opera, *H.M.S. Pinafore*.

A hardy old British Admiral was Sir Joseph Porter! He rose to be "the ruler of the Queen's Navee" by assiduously sticking to his office desk, and rarely venturing upon the ocean. When he did go to sea he was accompanied by dozens of sisters and cousins and aunts, who followed his example and retired to their cabins whenever the breeze blew!

He was praised mightily by the seamen for being an Englishman, when he might have succumbed to the temptation of belonging to some other nation.

The First Lord of the Admiralty at the time of Sir Joseph's creation was a civilian named William H. Smith, and the character is supposed to have been a skit on this worthy gentleman.

Sir Joseph Porter is often referred to by critics who wish to "ret one in" on the Admiralty.

**PRACTISED FRAUD
TOO OFTEN.****BOGUS ORDERS ON BEHALF OF
CHINESE FIRM.****TRICKSTER CAUGHT.**

How a man was able to perpetrate a series of frauds by the exercise of ingenuity of an exceptional kind was told to Mr. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, by Detective Sergeant J. Murphy, who said that the man met his downfall by practising the trick once too often.

Recently, it was stated, there called at the Po Cheung Tai, dealers in earthenware, at No. 203, Wing Lok Street, a man named Lung Hung, who said that he had come to give an order for goods on behalf of the Lun Chung Toi, well-known to the former firm as being one of their regular customers.

Lung Hung was asked by the shop people for the order book from the Lun Chung Toi, which usually accompanied such orders, and he went away, promising to return later with it.

A few minutes later, the shop received a call over the telephone, which purported to emanate from the Lun Chung Toi, confirming the order and saying that they would be sending a foki along.

Lung Hung then reappeared at the shop, and this time there was no further delay. The shop people naturally concluded that he came from the Lun Chung Toi and delivered the goods to him.

The same process was repeated on subsequent dates, but always preceded by a confirmatory message over the telephone.

Then there came a time when Lung Hung's greed got the better of his caution. He practised the trick once too often. One day he called with an order for 40 rice bowls. In the afternoon of the same day he again asked for another 40 bowls. The shop people marvelled how business in these slack times could have picked up so easily. Their suspicions were aroused and they made investigations without his knowledge.

The next time Lung Hung called at the shop he found himself arrested.

Pleading guilty, he was sentenced by Mr. Lindsell this morning to three months' hard labour.

**SOLDIERS STEAL
WATCHES.****TWO ARGVILL MEN GET
FOUR MONTHS.**

Two Argvill and Sutherland Highlanders appeared before Mr. Butters, at the Central Magistracy this morning, on a charge of having stolen six rolled gold watches from a jeweller's shop in Queen's Road Central, on Saturday night.

The two men entered the shop just before closing time, and asked to be shown some watches. A whole tray of rolled gold watches was placed on the counter before them, when they suddenly grabbed six and bolted. One of them was caught by a Chinese district watchman, and the other by an Indian constable. They offered no resistance.

Hugh Munro (23), and Alexander Paddam, (24), by name, they both pleaded guilty to the charge this morning.

The Magistrate said he understood the men had committed the offence with a view to getting out of the Army, but he had been informed that that would not happen.

He sentenced them to four months' hard labour each.

**TYPISTS' CLUB IN
WEST END.****WHEN 300,000 WANT TO
SMARTEN UP.**

Girl typists of the City of London now have their own club. And it is in the West-end, close to Piccadilly.

Established by the Federation of British Typists, it is one of the largest office girls' clubs in existence. In the City alone there are 800,000 typists, the majority of them young girls who live in the suburbs, and the idea to provide them with premises where they might change after business, rest or read, or meet their friends, was born.

So, the federation, which numbers among its patrons the Archbishop of York, Lord Brentford, and Viscountess Erleigh, has opened the club at 11, Regent-street. It has reading and writing rooms, and refreshments are served at all times between 9 a.m. and 8.30 p.m.

There are cubicles where girls, who have just left the office, may change their clothes, and "smarten up" to go to the theatre.

The subscription for 12 months is one guinea.

**UNIQUE COMPANY
LAW CASE.**

(Continued from Page 1.)

dissolved the Russian companies in law but had stripped them of their assets and their good-will and confiscated their shares.

Counsel went on to say he would submit that the Russo-Asiatic Bank was not destroyed in law for the technical reason that there was no winding-up in the Soviet Courts, but while they admitted it was alive they would say if it was alive at all it was kept alive by "artificial respiration" and although technically alive it did not actually carry on business in Russia at all but did so elsewhere.

Directors Flee.

In December, 1917, Mr. Potter went on, as the result of those decrees, the banks in Russia became a state monopoly. Some were sequestered and attached, some were actually liquidated and some were incorporated in what was called a State Bank.

Under those circumstances, certain of the Directors of the Russo-Asiatic Bank fled from Russia, reached Paris, and there resumed control of the bank's branches outside Russia. From the evidence it clearly appeared that the bank continued to function outside Russia until September, 1926, when the branches outside Russia went into liquidation all over the world. It would appear, said Mr. Potter, that instructions for liquidation came from the Paris Office.

In Hongkong the position was that a winding-up petition was filed, the branch was wound up with assets to the extent of about \$300,000 which were in the hands of the liquidators who were waiting to dispose of the money.

Head Office Location.

Mr. Potter went on to explain that before Sir Henry Gollan, Mr. Jenkin contended that although Hongkong was a mere branch of the Bank, London creditors or any creditors from any part of the world could prove in Hongkong. The other side argued that the bank had been dissolved by what took place in Russia in December, 1917, and had formed itself into various independent groups, Hongkong being in what was called the Far Eastern group which had Shanghai as its head office.

They relied on the rule of law that liquidation of a branch of a foreign company in England and under English law was merely auxiliary to the main head office liquidation and any assets would be remitted to the head office for distribution among creditors all over the world. They then believed that Shanghai was the head office, and that therefore the surplus should be sent to Shanghai where creditors could prove.

Mr. Jenkin said he agreed that in liquidation assets would go to the head office.

Mr. Potter, after thanking Mr. Jenkin for his admission, stated that Sir Henry Gollan found against him (Mr. Potter) as a matter of law that the company had not been dissolved and that position was now accepted. The bank was in liquidation and in order to apply the rule of law they had to discover where the head office was. If it was Paris then the assets ought to go to Paris where English creditors would not doubt apply to the Paris Courts and obtain judgment. He would submit that when the facts had been heard they would find a practically unanswerable case that Paris was the head office and not Shanghai.

Entirely New Case.

Mr. Alabaster objected at this stage, saying Mr. Potter had not said a word about representing Paris creditors and should not be allowed to take that line.

Mr. Jenkin also objected, saying that Mr. Potter was putting up an entirely new and different case than previously. He would submit that their Lordships must refuse an adjournment upon a new and entirely inconsistent ground to that put up before the Trial Judge. The plea that Paris was the head office was so dilatory and late that their Lordships could not entertain it.

Sir Peter Grain pointed out to Mr. Potter that in his notice of appeal he had said in effect that the money should go to Shanghai.

In reply, Mr. Potter said they were appealing against the whole judgment and there was nothing in the point as to whether the money should go to Shanghai or not. He had to state some place but it did not necessarily mean that their Lordships would order the money to be sent to Shanghai just because that name was on the notice of appeal, if they found, in fact, that the money should go to Paris or anywhere else.

Further argument ensued and their Lordships decided to hear the remainder of Mr. Potter's argument before listening to Mr. Jenkin and Mr. Alabaster.

The case is proceeding.

**OPIUM FINE OF
\$15,000.****MAN WITH SACK FULL ON
STEAMER.****ESCAPE ATTEMPTED.**

Revenue Officer Grimmer charged a Chinese before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with having in his possession 570 taels of raw opium. A Chinese revenue officer stated that about 9.15 last night he was on patrol duty on board the s.s. Kong Su lying at the Tai Hing wharf. He saw defendant emerge from the galley-way carrying a sack which was tied with a long rope.

The Magistrate:—Just as could be used for dumping overboard?

Witness:—Yes.

Witness, continuing, said that the defendant was alone and seemed to be in a hurry. Witness flashed his electric torch on defendant and shouted to him to stop, and the man thereupon dropped the sack and turned to bolt. Witness grabbed at him, and asked him what was in the sack. Defendant said he did not know, as a friend had given it to him to carry. On being asked where his friend was, defendant said he did not know.

Defendant said that he had nothing to do with the opium. A man had dumped it down near him and had run away. He was arrested at that moment.

The Magistrate (to the first witness):—Did you see another man by the defendant?—No.

A fine of \$15,000 or in default 12 months' imprisonment was imposed.

Another Chinese was charged by the same officer with having in his possession 55 taels of prepared opium, and on pleading guilty to the charge was fined \$5,000 or six months' imprisonment.

**RUSSIAN CAPTAIN
DESERTS SHIP.****DISGUSTED WITH THE
BOLSHEVIKS.**

A fresh defection from the Bolshevik ranks has to be chronicled.

Captain N. V. Solomko, a well-known figure in the Soviet Merchant Service, and considered its leading captain, arrived with his ship Leningrad at Alexandria. The captain, alleging that he was ill, was put on shore and removed to hospital after first taking the precaution to hand over formally to his second in command and to obtain a receipt for the ship's cash.

Captain Solomko then wrote a letter to the Russian Press outside the jurisdiction of the Kremlin containing the following remarks: "I break off for ever from the Soviet service, for the reason that the Soviet Government, under the name of the 'Workman and Peasants' Dictatorship,' is a regime of robbery and systematic oppression of the Russian people, the like of which the history of the world has never known."

"Conscious of the impossibility of living and working under such conditions I have been compelled to abandon my work and to give my remaining strength for the help of humanity in some place where it is possible to live freely, to think freely, and not to feel the moral and physical yoke of the Bolshevik tyranny."

**COOLIE MURDERS
FOREIGNER.**

(Continued from Page 1.)

denied all knowledge of the crime. Taken to Hongkew Police Station, he persisted in his denial until Det. Sub-Inspector T. Hill noticed that despite the fact that he was wearing clean slippers he had blood stains on the soles of his feet.

Confession Made.

He then acknowledged having committed the murder and made the following confession:

"I had watched the foreigner to see where he kept his money and other property," he said, "and found out that he always put his money in a black box beside his bed. I decided to kill him when I saw that in addition to his other belongings he had bought a diamond ring, which he wore on the little finger of his right hand. I had told the cook of my intention. I waited until the foreigner came home last night and was asleep. When I heard him snoring I entered his bedroom from the kitchen where I slept, taking a meat chopper with me. I stood on the left hand side of his bed and tried to cut his throat with the chopper. He moved, and I hit him on the left arm instead of in the throat. When he started to shout I hit him again on the body and ran away. The cook who had followed me into the room armed with an axe got afraid and ran away. I hid in the lavatory downstairs until the Chinese constables found me. That is the chopper with which I struck him. I intended to kill him and then run away. I knew that I could see well enough to kill him because the lights from the street shone on his bed. He was alone, and I thought it would be easy to kill him."

Cook Arrested.

Following on this confession, a search was made for the cook. It was learnt that he was in the habit of returning to his home in Chapei each evening about 7.30, returning to prepare Mr. Goddard's breakfast at 6 a.m. A number of detectives were left outside the house to await his return. Punctually at 6 a.m. he tried to enter through the back door. He was seen by Miss Aaron Fein, who told him to wait while she opened the door. While the cook was waiting, Miss Firman telephoned Hongkew Police Station, which sent a number of detectives, who arrested him on the second floor, where he had gone from the back door.

He professed ignorance of the murder and demanded to know what had happened to his master and why the staircase and the walls were bloodstained. Taken to the Station, he vehemently denied all connexion with the crime and accused the coolie of having lied in an effort to incriminate him.

Taken before Judge Kuh in the Special District Court later in the morning, both the cook and the coolie were charged with the premeditated murder of Mr. Goddard. The coolie adhered to the confession he had made to the police and embellished it with such details as, "I think the cook lost courage when I decided to kill the foreigner and ran away." "I had discussed killing the foreigner with the cook many times," and "He owed me for two weeks' work." The cook still denied that he had had anything to do with the murder. Judge Kuh remanded both indefinitely in custody.

**2,000 CASES OF
OPIUM.****DRUG LANDED ON YANGTSE
ISLAND.****A MYSTERY SHIP.**

Shanghai, July 23.

Carrying 250,000 lb. of opium contained in 2,000 cases, a steamer which attracted the attention of the League of Nations when it sailed from a "port in a certain producing country," identified as Bushire, Persia, is reported to have landed its shipment among the islands off the mouth of the Yangtze river.

After following a devious course on her way to China, the steamer is understood to have made for one of the islands at the mouth of the Yangtze, not far from Shanghai, and transferred the opium to the custody of a party of Chinese, some of whom wore military uniforms. A large payment of cash was handed over in exchange.

This amazing episode follows mention of the departure of the vessel as long ago as May. In a message from Geneva relating to the League Council and the drug traffic in The Times of May 15, there appeared the following passage:

"Mr. Authur Henderson said that the British Government was continuously receiving information showing how widespread and how dangerous the illicit traffic was. That morning he had received from London a letter in which it was stated that a ship had recently left a 'port in a certain producing country,'—it may be mentioned that the port is Bushire,—with 2,000 cases containing the appalling quantity" of 250,000 lb. of opium, all for the illicit traffic."

Inquiries establish the fact that the vessel which left the Persian Gulf in May was in due course seen off Saigon, and it is believed to have communicated with the shore and received instructions as to the disposal of her cargo. The same vessel subsequently touched at Keelung and Tsingtau and eventually reached Shanghai with, of course, no trace of any illicit goods on board. Nevertheless, there is reason to believe that at one stage of her voyage, this vessel, which masqueraded under different names, reached one of the islands off the mouth of the Yangtze and then transferred the 2,000 cases of opium to a party of Chinese, and a large sum of money was received in exchange.

It is hardly necessary to add that there is little or no mystery about the opium traffic between the Persian Gulf and the Far East. It is a well-established business by which large quantities of the drug are shipped usually to Vladivostok but never reach that or any other disclosed destination. Transshipment is surreptitiously effected at any of the numerous islands that fringe the coast of China, and the prohibited opium under Chinese guards is speedily delivered on the mainland.

Mr. Walter Humphrey, a farm bailiff, and his wife, of Stone Acre Cottages, Stone Court, Farin, Otham, near Maidstone, Kent, were both found dead at their home. Humphrey rushed into a neighbour's house and said his wife was dying. The neighbour found the woman dead in a bedroom. Humphrey asked him to go for a glass of water, and on his return he found that Humphrey had collapsed. He died shortly afterwards. A bottle containing a fluid which was found in the house has been sent to the county analyst.

the murder. Judge Kuh remanded both indefinitely in custody.

Inquest Held.

Earlier in the day, Mr. C. G. O. Anderson, Registrar of H. M. Supreme Court, sitting as Coroner, had viewed the body of Mr. Goddard at the General Hospital and taken the evidence of identification given by Mr. A. G. Borras. Mr. Borras said that he had known Mr. Goddard for the past 16 years. Mr. Anderson then adjourned the inquest until July 26 at 10 a.m.

The late Mr. Goddard was one of four members of the crew of H.M.S. Cadmus who left the Navy together and took up posts in Shanghai, the other being Messrs. Hermitage and Laval, who joined the Police, and Kennedy, who joined the Customs with Mr. Goddard.

Mr. Goddard joined the Customs, in November 1905, as a gunner on one of the revenue cruisers, and later on transferred to the shore staff, serving in many ports in China. In March, 1927, he was appointed to the rank of Examiner "A," and on the reorganisation in June of this year he was made a Senior Chief Examiner "B," the substantive rank he held at the time of his death, altogether he was Acting Inspector of Examiners.

He is survived by his wife, a Cantonese lady, who is at present in Hongkong and in poor health.

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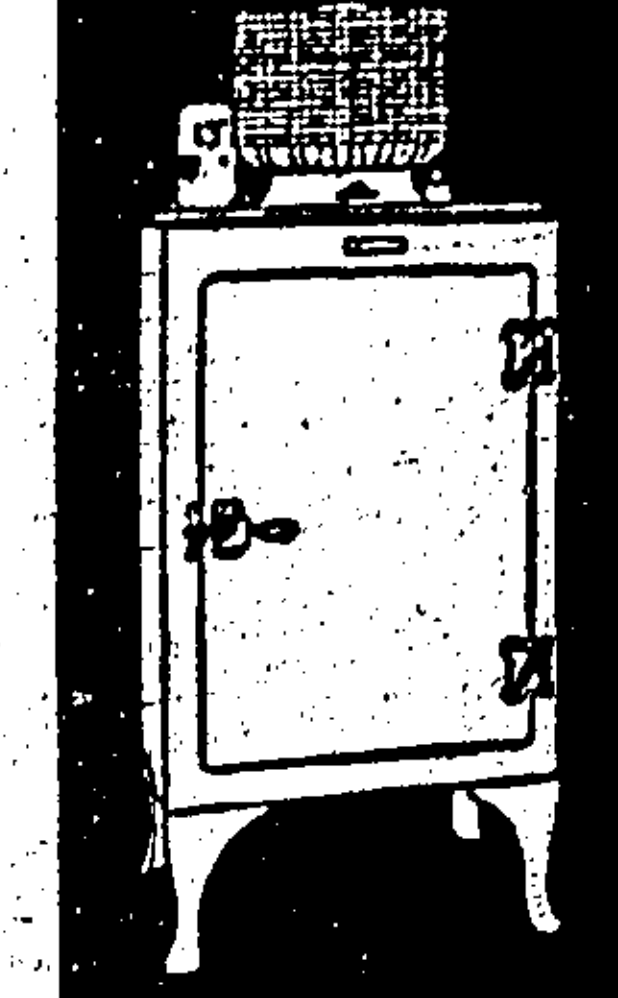
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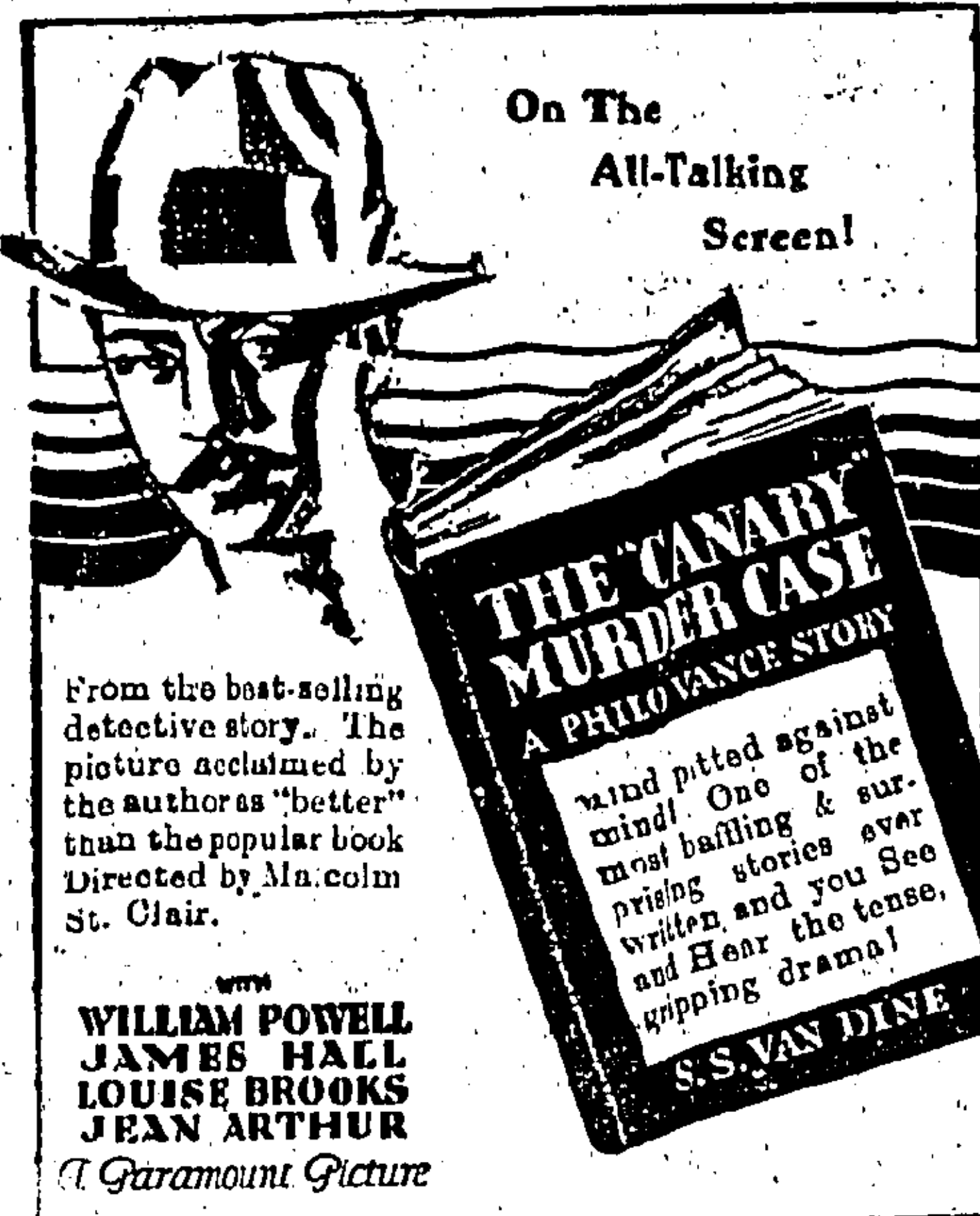


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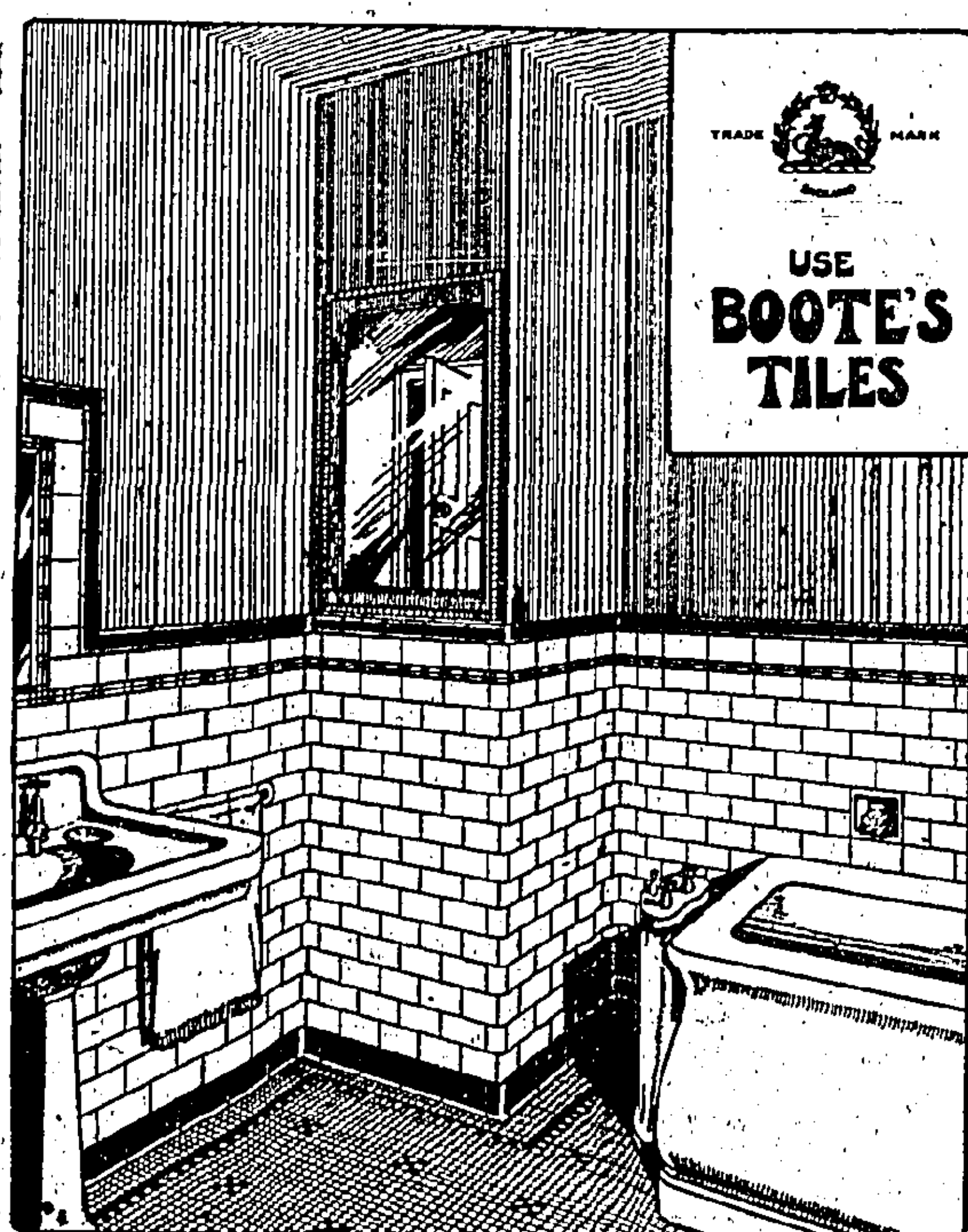
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DRAW LIKELY IN
TEST MATCH.ENGLAND'S BEST BATSMEN
ALL OUT.

BACKS TO THE WALL.

London, July 26.
A draw appears likely in the fourth Test match at Manchester following slow scoring by both Australia and England during the first two days of the match. The Australian's took their first innings total to 345 on Saturday and England started to bat at 12.55 p.m. Hobbs and Sutcliffe were nine and sixteen respectively when the lunch interval was taken.

Hobbs was unusually slow but Sutcliffe was confident. A smartly run single sent up the century, making their eleventh century opening partnership against Australia. The hundred took exactly an hour and 40 minutes. Wall, however, coming on with the score at 108, had an inspired spell, dismissing Hobbs, Sutcliffe and Hammond for 20 runs.

In a running cut, Hobbs was caught by Oldfield, with the score at 108, the partnership lasting for two hours. Sutcliffe was next to go, being caught by Bradman on the boundary in hooking a long hop. Seven runs had been added when the second wicket fell. The Yorkshireman scored his 74 runs principally by drives and pulls and was at the wickets for two hours and 50 minutes. He played a chanceless innings and scored one sixer and ten fours.

England's Back Against Wall.
Hammond, first wicket down, played on with the score at 119, but Duleepsinhji and Leyland took the score to 192 before the former was caught by Hornibrook, off McCabe, after he had made 54 by beautiful leg strokes, cutting and pulling. He was out to a tame cut straight to shortstop. He hit seven boundaries. At tea time the score was 136 runs for three wickets.

It was now England's turn to fight with their backs against the wall. Chapman did not stay long and was caught for the addition of nine runs. Grimmett, at cover point, dismissing the English captain. Tate opened shakily, nibbling at Wall's fast bowling. Leyland, who was most steady, therefore, tried to keep the bowling. At the close of play England had lost five wickets for 221 runs. Leyland was not out with 35 to his credit and Tate 5 not out.

The full scores of the first two days' play are appended.

Australia.—1st Innings.
W. M. Woodfull, c Duckworth, b Tate 54
D. G. Bradman, c Duleepsinhji, b Peables 14
A. F. Kippax, c Chapman, b Nichols 61
S. J. McCabe, lbw, Peables 4
V. Y. Richardson, b Hammond 49
A. G. Fairfax, lbw, Goddard 2
W. A. Oldfield, b Nichols 40
C. V. Grimmett, c Sutcliffe, b Peables 50
P. M. Hornibrook, c Duleepsinhji, b Goddard 3
T. M. Wall, not out 83
Extras 3

Total 345
Fall of wickets: 1 (Woodfull) for 106; 2 (Bradman) for 138; 3 (Ponsford) for 184; 4 (McCabe) for 189; 5 (Richardson) for 190; 6 (Kippax) for 239; 7 (Oldfield) for 243; 8 (Grimmett) for 300; 9 (Fairfax) for 338; 10 (Hornibrook) for 345.

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Nichols 21 6 24 2
Tate 30 11 39 1
Goddard 32 11 49 2
Peables 55 9 160 3
Leyland 8 2 17 -
Hammond 21 6 24 2

England.—1st Innings.
B. B. Hobbs, c Oldfield, b Wall 31
H. S. Sutcliffe, c Bradman, b Wall 74
W. R. Hammond, b Wall 3
K. S. Duleepsinhji, c Hornibrook, b McCabe 54
M. Leyland, not out 35
A. P. F. Chapman, c Grimmett, b Hornibrook 1
M. W. Tate, not out 5
Extras 18

Total (for 5 wickets) 221
Fall of wickets: 1 (Hobbs) for 108; 2 (Sutcliffe) for 115; 3 (Hammond) for 119; 4 (Duleepsinhji) for 122; 5 (Chapman) for 192.

FANLING GOLF.

A TIE REGISTERED IN
BOGEY POOL.

There were thirty entries for the Bogey Pool at Fanling, played during the week-end. C. H. Bradley (12) and M. G. Mills (12) tied with one up, and divide the prize. Other scores were F. Groves (12), one down; D. Forbes (9), three down.

BIG FRENCH TEXTILE
STRIKE.METAL WORKERS FOLLOW
WITH DEMANDS.

Lille, July 26.
Fifteen thousand employees in the textile industry, as well as 60 per cent. of the metalworkers, are on strike here, following the refusal of employers to increase wages so as to cover the men's insurance Act contributions.—Reuter.

"DR. X." CASE ENDS
SUDDENLY.GRAND JURY THROW OUT
BILL AGAINST NURSE.

The Grand Jury at Nottingham Assizes threw out the Bill against Ella Gordon, a 34-year-old nurse, alleging that on February 20 at Nottingham she demanded money with menace from Dr. Cyril Ernest Rennie Stephenson.

It was known as the "Dr. X." case, as the name of Dr. Stephenson had not been mentioned publicly in the police court.

"This is one of the most serious offences in the criminal law," said Mr. Justice Acton in delivering his charge to the grand jury. "It is an offence which may be met with the heaviest sentence the law permits short of the sentence of death."

It was a matter to be approached with some care, he said, for it was an exceptional case. What constituted the alleged offence was uttering a letter demanding money in the first place with menaces and in the second place without reasonable or probable cause.

It was particularly noticeable, he said, that the "reasonable or probable" cause had a relation to the demand for the money, and not to the menaces by which it was alleged that demand was accompanied. Therefore the question was whether there had been a demand made for money without any reasonable or probable cause and also with menaces.

It was in this connexion that he drew their attention to the exceptional circumstances with which the charge against the young woman took place.

"Pray do not misunderstand me," urged Mr. Justice Acton. "I am not for one moment suggesting that this is a prosecution which, it may be, ought not to have been instituted or that there may not have been very good reasons for it."

"If I were you, I should look at the case with something rather more than the usual consideration and a very considerable degree of anxiety," he added, "to see that within the limits of your authority justice is done."

The Grand Jury threw out the Bill, and the nurse was discharged.

VANISHES AFTER A
CAR TRAGEDY.WOODS SEARCHED FOR
MISSING MOTORIST.

Motor search parties, round Horsham, and also in the neighbourhood of Richmond Park and Oxshott Woods, tried in vain to find Mr. George Frederick Walker, a missing school teacher.

He was involved in a motoring accident in which Mr. Frederick Life, of Carisfort-road, Crouch End, was killed. Mr. Walker disappeared and was unable to give evidence at the inquest on the dead man, which was adjourned.

Scotland Yard issued a description of Mr. Walker and a wireless appeal was broadcast.

Sister's Story.

A reporter saw Miss Walker, the missing man's sister, and Mrs. Jakeman, at whose house in Crown-road, Twickenham, Mr. Walker has lodged for the past nine years.

They were both in the party of five people who motored to the day's picnic.

"When we were near Horsham," said Miss Walker, "my brother, who was driving his car, sounded the horn and pulled out to get in front of a car which was moving rather slowly in front of us. As he pulled out, the car skidded and Mr. Life, who was on a walking tour with his wife, was knocked down."

The injured man was taken to Horsham Hospital, and we took Mrs. Life back to her hotel, then went on to Reigate.

"When we got back home my brother made telephone inquiries about the accident, and was terribly shocked to hear that Mr. Life was dead."

Knock at the Door.
Mrs. Jakeman said: "Shortly after I had gone to bed I heard a knock at my door. I went downstairs and found that Mr. Walker had gone out the back way. He has not been seen since. He did not take his car."

"I think he is suffering from loss of memory due to shock at the accident."

Birmingham, July 26.
In the Women's Athletics England beat the German representatives by 51 points to 49.—Reuter.

DIVORCES WIFE
OF 27.SHOOTING PARTY EPISODE
WITH OFFICER.

CHARGE DENIED.

An elderly man's marriage with a young woman of 20 was the subject of proceedings in the Divorce Court.

Mr. Chas. James Muller, Great Elm, Frome, Somerset, asked for a decree on the ground of misconduct between his wife, Enid Daphne Kewick Muller, and Capt. Edward B. Compton, retired naval officer, of Lymington.

Mr. Muller was 61 when in 1923 he married, and there was one child. Last September Mr. and Mrs. Muller joined a shooting party at Harbottle, Northumberland, where they met Capt. Compton, a married man. Mr. Muller alleged that on Sept. 10 Mrs. Muller went to Capt. Compton's room. The defence was that Mrs. Muller, a neurotic woman, went to the room uninvited, but no misconduct took place.

Clasped Hands Under the Table.
Lord Merivale, summing up, said although the wife had been in court she had not gone into the witness-box. But that should not tell against Capt. Compton, and the matter had to be very carefully considered.

Mr. Muller had said that he saw clasped hands under the table and so on, between his wife and the captain. On Sept. 10 the parties went to bed. Between two and three o'clock in the morning the wife got up and, taking an electric torch, left the room.

Later the husband got up and waited in the passage. He heard a voice in Capt. Compton's room saying, "Oh, don't leave me yet, Daphne." Next day Mr. and Mrs. Muller separated.

The Defence.

After the filing of the petition Capt. Compton's solicitors wrote a letter which said:

Captain Compton went to bed about 11 o'clock and fell asleep, but was awakened, as far as he can recollect, about two hours later by Mrs. Muller, whom he found standing over his bed, and he informs us that before he was properly awake she, to his utmost surprise, got into his bed. Captain Compton at once remonstrated and told her that she must leave his room and he got rid of her as soon as possible.

That was the first admission that the wife was in his room, although they had both denied it for months. Capt. Compton said that he denied it to save her reputation, but it was for the jury to decide whose evidence they believed.

The jury found misconduct proved, and a decree nisi was granted with costs.

\$6,000 AS VALUE
OF A WIFE.DIVORCE AWARD TO A
HUSBAND.

Six thousand pounds damages were awarded in the Divorce Court in the petition of Mr. Charles John Woodrow Crichton, of Park Barn Farm, Guildford, who asked for the dissolution of his marriage on the ground of adultery between his wife, Mrs. Mona Isabel Crichton (a niece of the late Lord Dewar), and Mr. Sidney Field. The case was contested only on the question of damages.

Mr. Crichton, a ship builder, married his wife in 1920, both being about 24 years of age. They had two children. While at Neston they made the acquaintance of Mr. Field, a solicitor in Liverpool, and his wife. They all became friendly, and petitioner alleged, Mr. Field also acted for him and his wife professionally.

Lord Merivale in summing up said the facts might tend to move the jury even to anger with regard to a man who had been the prime mover in spite of his responsibilities and knowledge.

Husband and Citizen.
Uncontradicted evidence showed that the husband devoted himself to his wife as a father, a husband and a man and a citizen. The co-respondent as a solicitor had obligations which exceeded the ordinary obligations applicable to a man coming from one place to another.

Mrs. Crichton had an income of £2,000 a year of her own. She was still one of the reversionaries to a great estate. Mr. Crichton was left to do his best to bring up these two boys without a mother. The jury had to consider only what material damage he had suffered in respect of his home, his pocket, his fatherhood and the future of his boys.

A decree nisi with costs against both respondent and co-respondent was pronounced.

ALLEGED SMUGGLING
OF 1,841 WATCHES.HUGE HAUL MADE DURING
BAGGAGE SEARCH.

"A professional smuggler of watches caught red-handed" was the suggestion of the prosecution at Westminster when Louis Marder, aged 44, of Cheetham Hill, Manchester, was charged with attempting to evade Customs duties on 1,841 watches at Victoria Station, on June 8.

There was an alternative charge of harbouring the watches, which had a treble value and duty of £5,206.

A third charge was of harbouring 499 watches at Manchester on June 9, of the treble value and duty of £769; and a fourth charge was of attempting to bribe a Customs officer at Folkestone.

Mr. R. L. Fisk, prosecuting, said that Marder had a suitcase with a false bottom which contained over 1,000 watches, and cloth containers round his neck and concealed under his clothing, one holding 361 and the other 366 watches.

Observation had been kept on his movements for six months, said Mr. Fisk, and on June 8 a special inquiry officer saw him arrive at Victoria with a large suitcase and an attaché case. He was accompanied by Mr. Hodgson, the manager of his London office. They were followed to Manchester.

Watches in Suitcases.
Marder, he said, had a business address as a wholesale watch dealer in Hatton Garden, London.

Next day his home was searched and two suitcases containing 499 gold, silver and metal watches were found. Marder said that they belonged to men named Frankel and Wilkins.

Referring to the fourth charge Mr. Fisk said that on December 11, Marder approached a junior Customs officer at Folkestone, and said, "If I had anyone I could depend upon among the staff at Folkestone to get the stuff through I could make it easy for them to earn good money, as much as £50."

A special inquiry officer, John McGrath, gave evidence and, in reply to Mr. Harry Myers (for the defence), agreed that there was evidence that Marder did not bring the large suitcase into the country.

Mr. Myers: "And it was clear when he arrived that he was not wearing this harness containing watches. He was wearing a tight fitting suit. It would be more correct to say that he was not carrying these things when he passed the Customs."

His luggage was specially examined at Folkestone, and there was a Customs' yellow chalk mark on the large suitcase?—Yes.

Marder was remanded, his bail being increased to £2,000, and one surety in £2,000.

THE PRINCE IN A
LAW SUIT.INTRICATE QUESTIONS OF
COPYHOLD LAND.

£13,000 INVOLVED.

The Attorney-General to the Prince of Wales was the plaintiff in an action in the Chancery Division which raised intricate questions respecting copyhold land.

Mr. Octavius Bradshaw, a tenant on the Prince's Kennington estate, died in 1928 and the action was against his grandson, Mr. Hercules Montagu Edwin Bradshaw, the executor. The point for decision was whether a fine was payable on Mr. Octavius Bradshaw's death.

Mr. Geoffrey Lawrence, K.C., said the new Law of Property Act provided for the extinguishment of certain manorial incidents by an agreement between the Lord of the Manor and the tenant. Mr. Hercules Bradshaw entered into negotiations for their extinguishment but the matter had been held up for the question to be decided whether any fine was payable on Mr. Octavius Bradshaw's death.

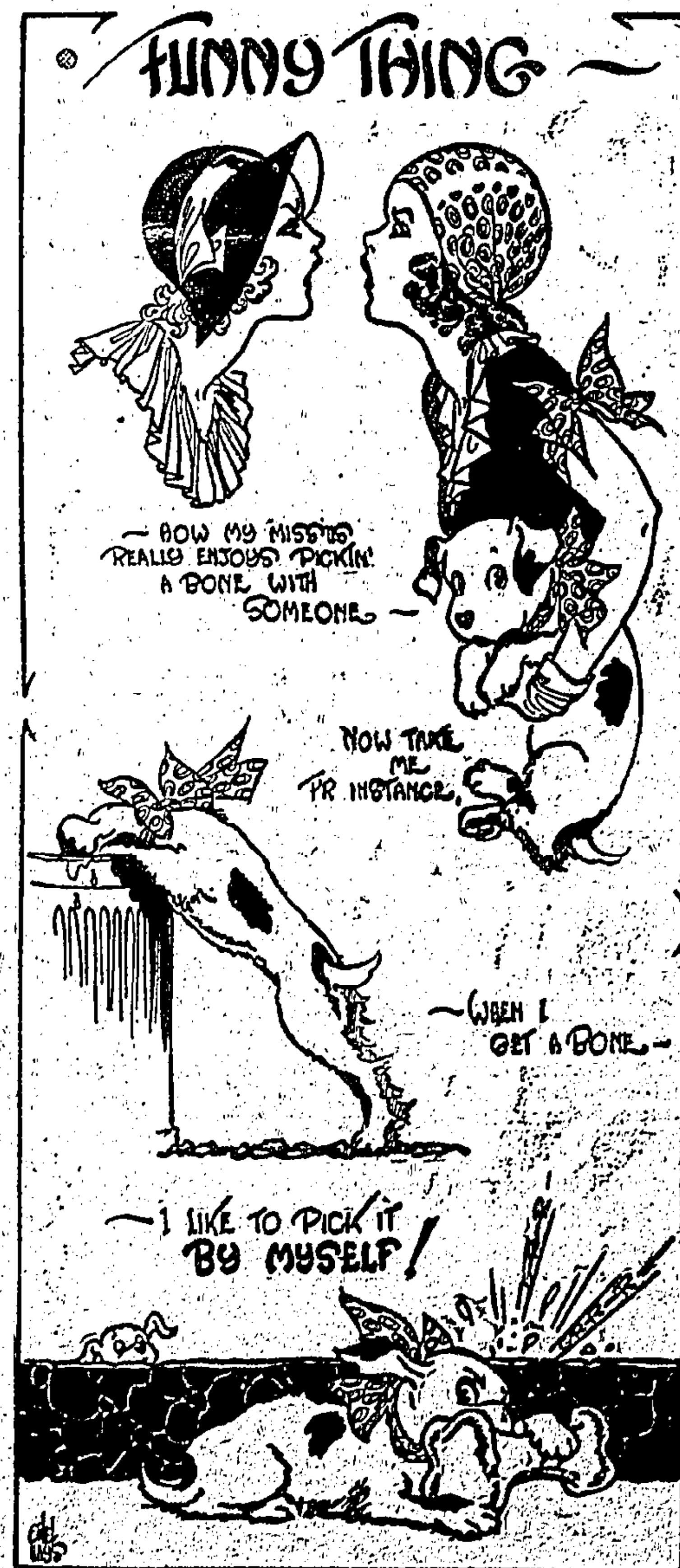
Mr. Wilfrid Greene, K.C., for Mr. Bradshaw, submitted that under the new Act the enfranchised copyhold was vested in the executors, and it was not until they assented to a devise of the land or to the heir taking possession that a fine was payable. If the plaintiff was right, one fine was payable on the death of the tenant and another on the assent of the executors.

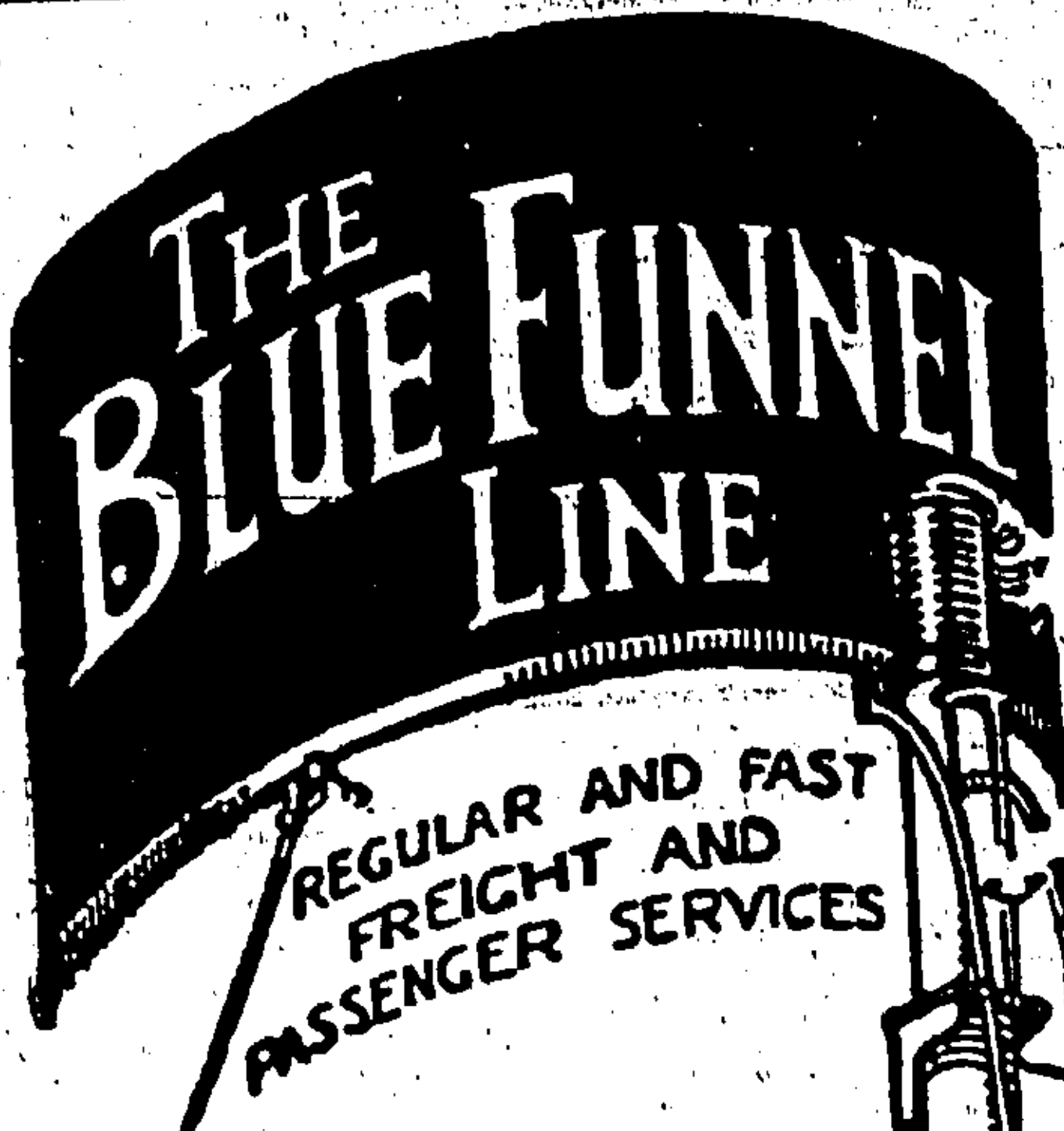
Judge's Decision.

Mr. Justice Farwell said the case raised a question of considerable difficulty under the new Law of Property Act, which converted copyholds into freeholds but saved certain of the fines and other rights of the lord of the manor.

He held that the Act did not intend to deprive the Lord of the Manor of the fines, to which he would have been entitled under the old law on the death of the tenant, and that the executor in this case was exactly in the same position as the heir or devisee before the passing of the new Act. The executor could avoid the payment of a second fine by giving notice to extinguish the manorial rights on the payment of compensation.

It is understood that the amount involved is about £13,000.





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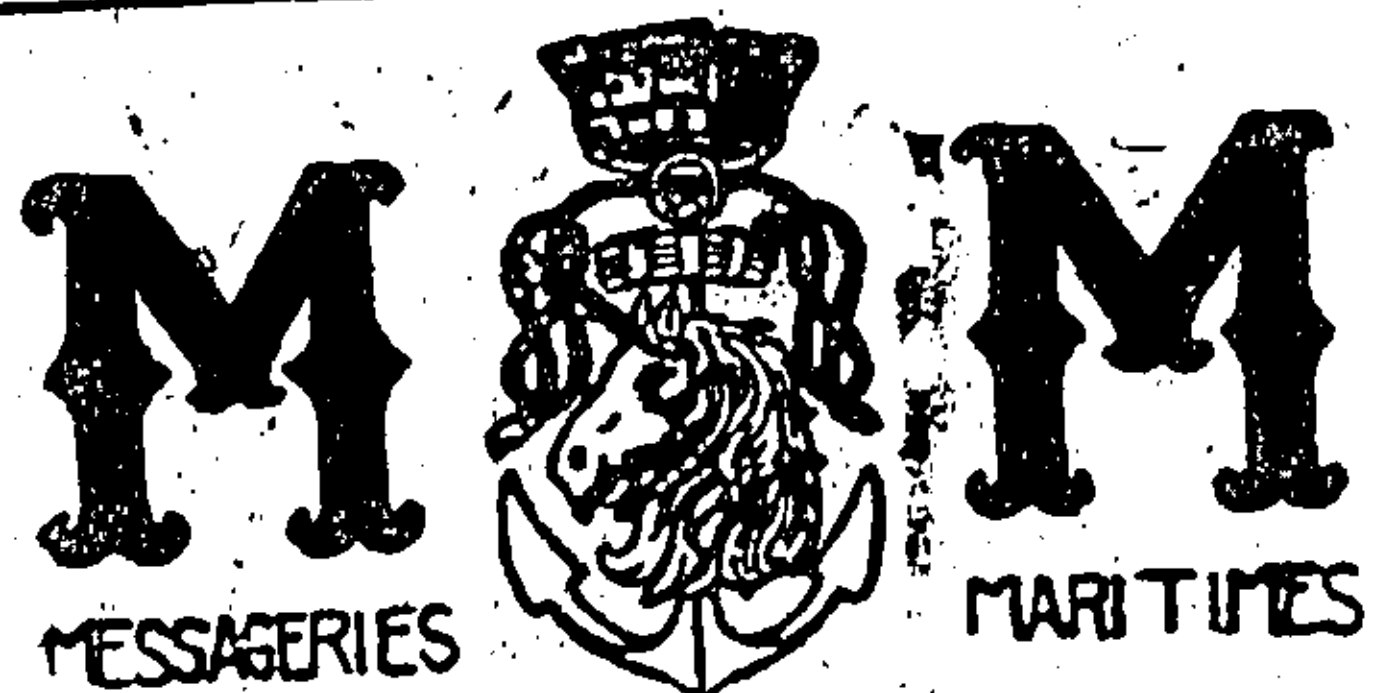
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LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

For the second time rain interrupted the lawn bowls fixtures when the all important match between the Craighower C.C. and the Civil Service C.C. was included on the card. On the first occasion when these teams were due to meet the entire programme was cancelled but on Saturday this was the only First Division game not played.

DIVISION I.

Talkoo R.C. Maintain Third Position in League.

The Talkoo R.C. entertained the Kowloon Dock and won by eleven shots. Scores:

Talkoo R.C.	Kowloon D.R.C.
J. B. Chapman	J. V. Ramsay
T. Grimes	G. Henderson
N. Drummond	J. McKelvie
J. Ferguson	S. Gray
G. McLeod	E. Docherty
J. Sloan Sr.	A. M. Goodman
R. C. Wallace	F. Cullen
J. C. Chalmers	H. G. Cooper
J. C. Polson	J. O. McLaggan
J. Russell	W. Hedley
W. Wether- spoon	15 R. Lapsley
63	52

Police v. Bowling Green.

There was the huge difference of 55 shots in the match between the Police and the Kowloon Bowling Green at Happy Valley, the visitors being the winners. Scores:

Police.	Bowling Green.
W. S. Dall	D. Muir
W. Stewart	A. T. Shaw
E. Nolan	H. Nish
E. G. Post	A. M. Holland
S. Peplow	N. Nichol
J. Hunter	West
W. Glendinning	P. T. Farrell
J. C. West	16 H. M. H. Mc-
	Tavis
J. S. Riddle	V. H. Chittenden
J. Hudson	C. Sherriff
W. McHardy	E. W. Hogbin
G. Hargreaves	9 L. Guy
33	88

Recreio v. Kowloon C.C.

Playing on their own greens the Club de Recreio beat the Kowloon C.C. by 14 shots. Scores:

Recreio	Kowloon C.C.
L. A. Gutierrez	A. C. Burford
E. L. Barros	B. Petheram
C. A. Lopes	H. Over
A. Ribeiro	20 A. E. Silstone
H. A. Alves	E. C. Fincher
F. X. Soares	J. Howie
P. Yvanovich	W. Hyde
C. E. Marques	21 J. C. Lylal
A. S. Gomes	H. Gittins
J. C. R. Souza	C. J. Tachchi
C. G. Silva	A. Hyde Lay
R. F. Luz	26 J. Fraser
67	83

DIVISION II.

Kowloon Bowling Green Succeed Against the Civil Service.

The match between the two leading teams, resulted in the Kowloon Bowling Green beating the Civil Service by seven shots on the former's greens. Scores:

Bowling Green	Civil Service
D. W. Phillips	P. Knight
J. Shepherd	H. Westlake
W. E. Hale	R. R. Davies
A. W. E. David-	18 W. E. Hollands
son	L. Luck
A. Taylor	F. H. Holdman
E. Kern	G. E. Roylance
E. L. Rapley	16 J. Orem
G. E. F. Thompson	L. R. Whant
G. J. Chambers	W. J. Bickford
21	28

AMERICAN BASEBALL LEAGUE.

RESULTS OF MATCHES OF LAST SATURDAY.

New York, July 27.
 The following are results of base-ball matches on Saturday:

National League.	American League.
New York 10, Pittsburgh 4	Detroit 12, New York 8
Brooklyn 8, Cincinnati 5	Chicago 4, Washington 1
Philadelphia 2, St. Louis 5	Philadelphia 10, St. Louis 6
Boston 6, St. Louis 5	Boston 6, St. Louis 5

—Reuter's American Service.

Reuter's American Service.	League Tables.
H. Rose 26, J. R. Archibald 14	(up to, and including, Sat., July 26th).
W. S. Drake 60	"A" Division.

Craighower v. Yacht Club.

The Craighower seconds gave the Yacht Club a close game and only lost on their own greens by five shots. Scores:

Craighower	Yacht Club
J. Moss	A. Stevenson
F. K. Dixon	L. S. Greenhill
P. A. Dixon	P. W. Ramsay
J. Carr	17 A. Macfarlane
F. Finner	E. B. Reed
C. Summons	J. Bentley
W. Ward	3 E. Maughan
J. Cavanagh	11 A. Chapman
D. K. Kharas	E. S. Abraham
A. L. de Sousa	A. Murdoch
R. C. Reed	E. W. Carpenter
W. Gill	20 A. L. Shields
48	53

Hongkong Electric v. Recreio.

The Hongkong Electric won their third match by beating the Club de Recreio at North Point by 12 shots. Scores:

H.K. Electric	Recreio
W. Stoker	F. V. Ribeiro
E. Thompson	J. M. S. Rozario
D. S. Hill	R. Roberts
F. F. Duck-	22 F. X. Silva
worth	Baptista
H. Hatch	Rozario
G. T. Padgett	A. Barros
L. de Rome	14 A. H. Basto
A. P. Paul	J. M. Alves
A. Tarbuck	C. M. Alves
T. P. Sanderson	D. C. Alves
S. J. Clarke	29 A. E. S. Alves
W. H. B. Mus-	13
kett	53

LEAGUE TENNIS.

INDIAN R.C. WIN POINT FROM NIPPON.

Although weather conditions were excellent, little attempt was made on Saturday by clubs in the tennis league to relieve the congested fixture lists which now confront the majority of the teams, and the only match played was that between the Indian Recreation Club and the Nippon Club in the "C" division, which resolved itself into a stern struggle, leaving the I.R.C. victors by the odd set in nine. Scores:

Indian R.C.	Nippon Club
Takemasa and Inaka (Nippon) lost to M. O. Hoosen and D. Mohamed 6-8; lost to A. R. Minu and S. A. R. Bux 6-8; beat M. I. Razack and D. M. Razack 6-3.	
Hata and Sato (Nippon) lost to M. O. Hoosen and D. Mohamed 8-6; lost to A. R. Minu and S. A. R. Bux 10-8; lost to A. R. Minu and S. A. R. Bux 2-6; beat M. I. Razack and D. M. A. Razack 7-5.	

League Tables.

(up to, and including, Sat., July 26th).

"A" Division.	"B" Division.
Indian R.C. 2 2 0 2	Chinese R.C. 11 11 0 11
Kowloon C.C. 2 2 0 2	Indian R.C. 12 11 1 11
Hongkong C.C. 3 2 1 2	Craighower C.C. 10 7 3 7
South China A.A. 4 1 3 1	Club de Recreio 10 6 5 6
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha 2 0 2 0	R. E. Sports Club 11 8 5 8
	Hongkong C.C. 9 4 5 4
	South China A.A. 9 4 5 4
	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha 9 4 5 4
	Kowloon C.C. 9 4 5 4
	University 11 4 7 4
	United Services R.C. 8 8 5 8
	Nippon Club 9 2 7 2
	Civil Service C.C. 11 10 1 1
	European Y.M.C.A. 11 10 1 1

"C" Division.

"C" Division.	Mixed Doubles.
Chinese R.C. 11 11 0 11	Indian R.C. 4 4 0 4
Hongkong C.C. 10 8 2 7	United Services R.C. 2 2 0 2
Club de Recreio 9 7 2 7	Kowloon C.C. 3 2 1 2
Indian R.C. 10 6 4 6	Chinese R.C. 4 2 2 2
University 9 6 3 6	Kowloon C.C. 4 2 2 2
South China A.A. 9 6 3 6	Chinese R.C. 4 2 2 2
Kowloon C.C. 10 5 5 5	Ladies' R.C. 5 2 3 2
Nippon Club 10 3 7 3	University 3 0 3 0
Philippine Club 10 2 8 2	Club de Recreio 3 0 3 0
Civil Service C.C. 11 2 9 2	
Kowloon I. C. 10 1 9 1	
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New Symphony Orch. (B2387).

Phyllida.

O Lovely Night.

Walter Glynn (Tenor). (B2395).

"L'Arlesienne," Prelude.

Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent

Garden. (C1319).

One Lives But Once—Waltz.

Sergei Rachmaninoff (Pianoforte

Solo). (B2366).

Dance Macabre—Dance of Death.

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

(B2365).

Walt.

In an Old-Fashioned Town.

John Turner (Tenor). (B2205).

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Force. (C1230).

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Waltz in A Flat Major.

Waltz in C Sharp Minor.

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Carnival Overture.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

(B2365).

Take a Look At Mine.

Reviews.

Gracie Fields (Comedienne).

(B2365).

"The Waltz Dream," Selection.

De Groot and Piccadilly

Orchestra. (B2364).

"Faust," Ballet Music.

Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent

Garden. (C1452).

9.00 p.m. Weather report, time

and local news.

8.05 p.m. Programme continued.

Aldershot Command Searchlight

Tattoo. Mased Bands of the Alder-

shot Command. (C1372).

Unlucky Number Thirteen.

Serenade.

Gracie Fields (Comedienne). (B3104).

Cloze Props.

My Old Shako.

Harry Dearth (Bass). (D1116).

"Merry Widow," Waltz.

"Count of Luxembourg," Waltz.

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Jack, The "Best Man."

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Record programme continued.

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With some of the Colony's best
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sports of the Hongkong Volunteers,
at the V.R.C. pool on Saturday night,
was full of interest and provided a
good night's entertainment for the
crowd that packed all the available
seating. Among those in the official
enclosure were Major General Sand-
lands and the acting Colonial
Secretary, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax,
C.M.G., and Mrs. Hallifax.

It was not surprising that with
Lawrence, Gosano, Roza, Pereira and
Remedios swimming for them, the
Portuguese Company carried off the
inter-company challenge cup with 15
points. The Machine Gun Company
proved too fast for them in the inter-
company team race, however.

Small entries made it unnecessary
to run off any of the events in heats
and the sports were soon over. The
diving from the low board of the
tower was a popular event and it was
only after a dive-off that L. Roza
Pereira beat S. D. Iglesden.

A team from the Volunteers met
the Somerset first seven in a polo
match and as, with one exception, it
was a combination of the V.R.C.
teams, it beat the regulars four to
nil.

The Corps band played several num-
bers during the programme and at the
conclusion gave way to the Lyric
Orchestra, which rendered dance
music. Mrs. Hallifax presented the
prizes, and dancing closed the night.

Results.

100 yards free style: W. Lawrence,
1; H. M. Remedios, 2. Time 1.18 3-5.
Ladies' race (50 yards): Miss Doris
Hunt, 1; Miss Phyllis Hunt, 2. Time
37 sec.

50 yards free style: S. V. Gittins, 1;
W. Lawrence, 2. Time 26 3-5 sec.

Matrimonial race: Miss Fowler
and Britto, 1; Miss Chester and Kerr,
2.

High diving: L. Roza Pereira (27
points), 1; S. D. Iglesden, (25 1/2
points), 2. Won on a re-dive, each
gaining 51 points in three previous
dives.

Rowing fight: A. P. Eca Silva, 1; W.
Maynard, 2.

Inter-company team race: Machine
Gun Company (Zimmern, Gittins,
Paget, Goldman, Whitham), 1; Por-
tuguese Company (Remedios, Gosano,
Lawrence, Roza Pereira, Silva), 2.

Water polo: Volunteers (Knight,
Kerr, Weill, Remedios, Lawrence,
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Miss Muriel Gertrude Hutton, aged 52, youngest daughter of the late Colonel Hutton, was found dead-dressed in her night clothes and seated in a motor-car, in the garage attached to her home, St. Ansty Cottage, Wrexham. The engine of the car was running and her pet spaniel was dead by her side. Miss Hutton retired to her bed-room shortly after ten o'clock, but her bed had not been slept in. In her younger days Miss Hutton was a well-known hockey player.

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ITALIAN CHURCH PANIC.

FALLING PLASTER THOUGHT
QUAKE HERALD.

STAMPEDE INJURIES.

Rome, July 27.
Mass was celebrated this morning throughout the devastated region where it is estimated that there are at least fifty thousand earthquake victims living in tents. At many villages where the churches were ruined altars were improvised for the purposes of today's services.

There was a disastrous panic in the church at Statello to-day when some plaster fell. The crowded congregation, fearing that another earthquake was to be experienced, rushed to the doors of the church. Fifteen people were injured in the scramble, some seriously.—Reuter.

Taxes Suspended.

Rome, July 27.
The Finance Minister, Signor Musconi, has issued orders suspending the collection of taxes in the towns most stricken by the earthquake in Potenza Province and has asked the authorities in Avellino Province what alleviation of taxes is desirable there.

The Minister of Public Works, in his latest report regarding the relief measures, states that four days after the catastrophe relief was being supplied to all who needed it. The rebuilding of the demolished houses will begin as soon as possible, the reconstruction work including an entire new city of Avellino.—Reuter.

Rome, July 26.
The official earthquake figures, based on the returns received up to eight o'clock yesterday evening, show that there are 2,142 dead accounted for and 4,551 injured. An increased total of victims is foreshadowed.—Reuter.

King Visits Scene.

Avellino, July 26.
King Victor Emmanuel resumed his tour of the stricken area at dawn. He visited Ariano and the neighbouring villages, climbing alone among the most dangerous debris and helping to unearth the dead. In the course of the recovery of dead bodies a number of injured persons who had been buried for four days were discovered.—Reuter.

LOCAL CURRENCY REPORT.

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advocated therefore some measure of stabilisation, though he would not go so far as to say we should depart from the silver basis before China did so."

The Note-Issuing Banks.

The Committee considers that some re-adjustment may be called for in the restrictions now imposed upon the note-issuing banks. In this connexion it remarks:

"Admittedly the power of note issue possessed by banks involves a serious responsibility on their part to Government, which represents the interests of the public, and we make the following proposal therefore with some diffidence. As the law stands at present the extent of note issue is limited by the amount of the capital of the bank concerned. Only the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation may issue notes in excess of the statutory limit, and then only under onerous conditions. We think the prescribed limit should be less arbitrary and should be subject to periodical revision, provided always that the banks of issue fully cover their notes by the deposit in the Colony of bullion or silver dollars to the extent of at least one-third, the balance being covered by approved securities deposited entirely under Government control. The public would thus be adequately safeguarded."

Grave Responsibility.

The Hon. Mr. Kotewall, in putting forward his proposal for an Advisory Board, remarks:

"Many business men and bankers consider—and I agree with them—that the present system lays too great and too grave a responsibility upon the managers of the three note-issuing banks. Of these the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, by virtue of its premier position in China, and of the special privilege it enjoys in being allowed by law to issue notes in excess of the statutory limit to any amount under certain specified conditions, exercises the greatest power; and consequently it is upon its Chief Manager that the heaviest responsibility lies in a time of financial crisis. This means that in such a time the welfare of the Colony

BANDITS SEIZE BRITON.

SOCONY EMPLOYEE
CAPTURED.

ROUGHLY HANDLED WHILST
DETAINED.

BELONGINGS STOLEN.

Shanghai, July 23.
Struck with a rifle and threatened with death, Mr. R. Gregg, a British member of the staff of the Standard Oil Co., had a very unpleasant experience when he fell into the hands of a gang of bandits at Hsih Tah Li, a place on the north-east corner of the Taihu Lakes between Shanghai, Sungkiang and Soochow, near the Nanking Railway.

Mr. Gregg was on his way to make oil tests at one of the Chinese silk filatures inland on the day in question and he was travelling on board one of the Standard Oil Company's launches when about 60 or 70 shots were fired from the banks.

Poor Marksmen.

The bandits, several hundred in all, had junk in their possession and it does not speak well for their marksmanship when it is stated that, of all the shots fired, not a single one struck the launch on which Mr. Gregg was travelling.

However, the launch was brought to a stop and moved alongside the shore, the bandits in the meanwhile pointing their guns at those on board. As soon as it neared the banks, some of the bandits jumped on board and grabbed hold of Mr. Gregg and the launch and his assistants and pointed guns at their chests.

Roughly Handled.

The captives were then taken to the house of one of the gang leaders and there questioned at considerable length, the ruffians apparently thinking that Mr. Gregg was one of the company's taipans. Here he was detained for two hours, during the whole of which time he was roughly handled, struck several times about the knee and body with rifle butts, and robbed of all his belongings, which included his clothing, money and jewellery. Fortunately, he suffered no serious injury.

The launch and his assistants likewise were deprived of their money and clothing and were struck about the face when they attempted to remonstrate with their captors.

Gunboat a Mile Away.

The bandits threatened to hold Mr. Gregg for ransom but, when a letter was found in his pocket, in Chinese, addressed to the silk filature where he was going to make oil tests, they were satisfied that he was only one of the employees and they eventually released him.

During the entire time that this outrage was happening, from the time the shots were fired until the release of the captives, a Chinese patrol boat, belonging to the Kiangsu Provincial River Police, was less than a mile away but apparently those on board did not hear the shots or they did not deign to take notice.

Claim for Losses.

The Standard Oil Co. did not suffer any losses and the launch was not damaged in any way. A detailed report was submitted to the head office of the company, who at once communicated with the United States Consul-General and that official in turn presented a claim to the Chinese authorities for the losses involved and for the capture of the perpetrators of the outrage.

largely hangs upon the decision of one man. On one or two occasions in the past the Public has asked itself whether the action or inaction of the Bank in the matter of note-issue was to the best interest of the Colony as a whole.

"The Public has the right to expect that the note-issue, upon which the prosperity of the Colony depends, to so great an extent, should not be subject to the will of one single individual. At the present moment Hongkong is fortunate in having at the head of its chief bank a man of large vision, but it requires to be safeguarded against the man of narrow views, who may at another time occupy the same position. In other words, we trust the man in power to-day, but we mistrust the system that confers a position of such power."

OPIUM INQUIRY RESULTS.

VIEWS OF CHAIRMAN OF
COMMISSION.

DIFFICULT MATTER.

The opium problem cannot be solved in a day, but a solution can be found. This is the opinion pronounced by Sweden's Minister in Argentina, Mr. E. Ekstrand, on his return from an extensive tour through the Far East as the chairman of the League of Nations Anti-Opium Commission.

The final results and the proposals as to how the opium-evil should be exterminated will be embodied in the report of the Commission to the League, but Minister Ekstrand has told the Swedish Press some interesting facts concerning the research work now completed.

The Commission, headed by Mr. Ekstrand and with a Swedish Secretary, Mr. Renberg, also included a Czechoslovakian and a Belgian member. It travelled through India to Burma, the Malay States, the Dutch East Indies, Siam, Indo-China, Hongkong, Macao, the Philippines, Formosa, Korea and Japan. The Commission has made thorough studies of the opium problem in all its aspects, collecting all available statistics and material, interviewed officials, clergymen, Governors, teachers, doctors, prison officials, judges, lawyers and sea captains. It visited numerous opium dens and examined opium addicts in all walks of life.

Minister Ekstrand emphasised that he is not pessimistic about the opium problem. Governments and officials have done much to eradicate the vice. In some countries the growing of poppies has been strictly forbidden, and soldiers have even been sent out to mow down entire fields of them. In other countries the opium has been kept under control and given out in small rations to notorious addicts.

In other cases, attempts have been made to cure severe opium cases by administering sleeping draughts, keeping the addicts asleep for a whole week to enable them to get over the unbearable craving for the drug.

On the whole there now seems to be a firm and unanimous opinion everywhere that the opium vice must be exterminated, and Mr. Ekstrand thinks that this can be achieved through efficient measures and by means of international co-operation.

"REDS" CAUSING TROUBLE.

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and show no inclination to continue with the war.

Some of the Shansi regiments on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway have been sent to reinforce their allies fighting along the Lung-Hai Railway, this indicating a shortage of men among the Northerners. The Nationalist Commanders are expected to announce another big drive against Tsinanfu at any moment.

The New Government.

Peking, July 27.
A meeting of the enlarged Plenary Session of the Kuomintang is to be held to-morrow, when the "seven fundamental bases" of the Party will be brought forward for approval. The vernacular papers state that when this is done, Quo Tai-chi, Hsueh Tu-pi and Chia Ching-teh, representing Wang Ching-wei, Feng Yu-hsiang and Yen Hsi-shan respectively, will go to Mukden to lay these bases before Chang Hsueh-liang and discuss the formation of a Northern Government; while Wang Ching-wei will go to see Yen Hsi-shan and Feng Yu-hsiang.

All are expected to be back in Peking by the latter half of August, so the establishment of the Government is expected to take place early in September.—Reuter.

THREE OFFENCES BY A STEERSMAN.

FAILED TO USE THE PROPER LIGHTS.

Tsang Mo, the steersman of a trading junk, faced three charges at the Marine Court before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., this morning, the counts being (a) leaving the port during prohibited hours, (b) failing to produce his licence when called upon to do so by a Police officer, and (c) failing to use a regulation white light. He pleaded guilty to all charges, and was fined \$50 or six weeks on the first count, \$5 or five days on the second and \$10 or 10 days on the third.

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